





## NEWS BRIEFS

## Albany-El Cerrito

## Two races settled before Nov. 2 election

No-contest elections have emerged for one Albany position and for two seats on the Stege Sanitary District board.

Kim Denton will be Albany's treasurer for another four years. Denton has held the part-time position since 1988 and was the only candidate to file papers for the Nov. 2 election.

The Stege Sanitary District also will have no contest this election. Incumbents Bea O'Keefe and Jay James filed election papers for two open seats. The district provides sewer service for El Cerrito, Kensington and the Richmond Annex.

## Albany-Berkeley

## Traffic-project declaration open to review

Residents have until Sept. 15 to comment on a negative declaration that Berkeley and Albany intend to file for a Marin Avenue traffic project. The project would decrease the number of traffic lanes from four to three and install bike lanes on Marin Avenue from San Pablo Avenue to The Alameda.

The project calls for a one-year trial project to allow for the monitoring of the reconfiguration of Marin Avenue in both Albany and Berkeley. Albany officials would then determine whether it's feasible to implement the second phase, which consists of more permanent infrastructure.

A negative declaration states the project would have no unmitigable effects on the surrounding area. Both city councils will have to approve the declaration before the project can move forward.

Copies of the negative declaration for public review are available at the community development department at Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave.; the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.; the Berkeley Office of Transportation, 1947 Center St., 3rd Floor; and the Berkeley Central Library, 2090 Kittredge St.

There will be meetings about the project Sept. 23 with the Albany Traffic Commission and Oct. 21 with the Berkeley Transportation Commission. Public hearings with the city councils of both cities will be scheduled for the fall.

For more information, call the Albany planning department at 510-528-5760 or Berkeley transportation planner Heath Maddox at 510-981-7062.

## Berkeley, Albany top list of Green voters

Berkeley and Albany have the third and fourth highest, respectively, numbers of registered Green Party members in the Bay Area, according to a news release by the Bay Area Center for Voting Research. Fairfax has the largest number of Green Party members in the Bay Area, followed by Sebastopol, Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville, unincorporated areas in Sonoma, San Anselmo, Cotati, unincorporated areas in Marin, and Oakland.

Albany and Berkeley are also among the top 10 cities with the highest number of registered Democrats, according to the voting organization. Richmond is number one with a little more than 70 percent of voters saying they're Democrats. San Pablo is second, followed by East Palo Alto, Oakland, Albany, Pittsburg, El Cerrito, Vallejo, Berkeley and Fairfax.

## Voter registration deadline is Oct. 18

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville sends a reminder that the deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 2 election is Oct. 18. This includes prospective voters who are not yet 18 years old, but who will be 18 by Nov. 2. The Voter Registration Form may be used to register to vote in any county in California. There is more information regarding voter registration at the Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville League of Women Voters Web site at [www.lwvbae.org](http://www.lwvbae.org). This site provides access to voter information in Alameda County and the rest of California. This site also offers online registration.

The pros and cons on state ballot measures will be available for distribution to organizations later in this election season.

## Albany

## Chamber to honor citizen, youth of year

The Albany Chamber of Commerce will honor Albany's Citizen of the Year Joan Larson and Youth of the Year Briana K'Burg at 1 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Assemblywoman Loni Hancock will present certificates of appreciation to Larson and Briana. Chamber President Sherman Lim will present the Citizen of the Year award to Larson, and Albany City Councilman Allan Maris will present to Youth of the Year Briana.

After a brief ceremony, there will be refreshments.

At noon, the chamber will have a general membership meeting at which it will discuss the proposal to build an 800,000-square-foot development next to the Golden Gate Fields racetrack; and the proposal to increase Solano Avenue parking limits from 60 minutes to 90 minutes. For details, call the Albany Chamber, 510-525-1771.

## El Cerrito

## Ohlone Greenway upgrade plan in works

El Cerrito is working on a plan to upgrade the Ohlone Greenway with safety improvements including emergency phones and possibly surveillance cameras; moving the pedestrian path to be adjacent to the bikeway; and improving and expanding children's play areas; adding restrooms, drinking fountains, interpretive signs, an enclosed dog run, sitting and picnicking areas; and infrastructure and landscaping improvements. The plan was released in a memo by Public Works Manager Jerry Bradshaw.

Bradshaw also reports that the city has had a 10 percent increase in the weight of recycled material collected in 2003. The city's recycling center recycled 4,668 tons of material in 2003. Bradshaw credits the city's change to a two-bin recycling program for the increase in recycled material.

— Staff reports

## Albany council takes a break until Aug. 30

The Albany City Council is taking most of August off. The next council meeting, which is a special meeting about city zoning, will be at 8 p.m. Aug. 30 at the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-528-5710.

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## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Friday, Aug. 6

■ **DUI AND DISORDERLY** — Officers contacted a 23-year-old Hercules man on the 5600 block of San Diego Street in El Cerrito when he was observed urinating in public. He was found to be intoxicated and admitted to driving his 1993 Cadillac. He was arrested for DUI, cited and released. The passenger, a 30-year-old San Pablo man, was arrested for disorderly conduct when he was also found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself.

■ **HONDA FOUND** — Pleasant Hill police reported locating a silver 1999 Honda stolen from Albany. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

## Saturday, Aug. 7

■ **AUTO BREAK-INS** — During the night thieves broke into a blue '87 Honda and a silver 1988 Toyota, both on the 800 block of Cerrito Street. Two vehicles on the 900 block of Polk Street were also broken into.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Officers arrested a 21-year-old El Cerrito man at the end of Buchanan Street when he was found to have outstanding warrants from Alameda County for battery in the amount of \$15,000. He was cited and released.

■ **VANDALISM** — During the night vandals damaged a Toyota parked on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue.

## Sunday, Aug. 8

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At 3 a.m. officers arrested a 30-year-old

El Cerrito man near Adams and Clay streets for a \$7,500 Albany warrant for possession of stolen property.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 6 a.m. officers responded to the 400 block of Cornell Avenue on reports of a man lying on the sidewalk. The subject, a 31-year-old San Leandro man, was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for disorderly conduct.

## Monday, Aug. 9

■ **TOYOTA LOCATED** — At 1:30 a.m. officers located a red 1988 Toyota at the end of Buchanan Street reported stolen out of Oakland.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a silver 2003 Nissan Maxima in the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue.

■ **DRIVER ARRESTED** — Shortly before 10 a.m. officers stopped a silver 1992 Volvo 960 on the 900 block of Adams Street for a vehicle code violation. A check found the vehicle had been reported as stolen out of Oakland. Officers arrested a 25-year-old Berkeley man for possession of a stolen vehicle. He gave officers false identification, but a later check found that he had several outstanding warrants. He was also charged with resisting an officer.

■ **DRUG ARREST** — Officers stopped a red 1990 Toyota near Carlson and Lassen streets in El Cerrito for a vehicle code violation. The driver, an 18-year-old Richmond man, was arrested when he stepped out of the car and dropped a bag containing drugs. He was also found to have marijuana for sale. He was arrested for the drug charges and for driving

with a suspended license.

## Tuesday, Aug. 10

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 3:30 a.m. officers stopped a green 1992 Ford on the 800 block of Buchanan Street for a vehicle code violation. A check of the driver was clean but a check of the passenger, a 42-year-old Richmond man, was found to have outstanding warrants from the Alameda County Sheriff's office for assault. He was arrested.

## Wednesday, Aug. 11

■ **DUI** — At 3:30 a.m. a resident on the 900 block of Madison Street reported subjects in a white 1988 Mazda causing a disturbance. Officers responded and arrested the 35-year-old Albany man for DUI.

■ **THEFT** — During the night thieves stole the black storage container off a blue 1999 Toyota Corolla.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves smashed the side windows of her dark blue 2002 Dodge Van and stole items.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 4:30 p.m. officers arrested a 25-year-old Oakland man, driving a blue 1986 Acura near Gilman Street and San Pablo Avenue, when a check found he was on probation for drug charges, police said. They also arrested a 22-year-old San Francisco man for outstanding warrants from San Francisco and BART, for violation of notice to appear and for driving without a driver's license.

■ **HONDA LOCATED** — At about 7:30 p.m. a resident on the 1200

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Saturday, July 31

■ **ROBBERY** — A man was robbed of his wallet by two people on the Ohlone Greenway between Waldo Avenue and Mooser Lane at 1:51 p.m. Police later arrested a 17-year-old boy during a traffic stop at Sixth Street and Macdonald Avenue on suspicion of committing the robbery. He was booked and then transported to juvenile hall after being identified by the victim.

## Tuesday, Aug. 3

■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** — A 35-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested at 11:47 p.m. on suspicion of committing spousal battery on the 3300 block of Yosemite Avenue.

## Thursday, Aug. 5

■ **BURGLARY** — A small safe and a laptop computer were taken from an apartment on the 600 block of Liberty Street.

## Friday, Aug. 6

■ **REFUND FRAUD** — A 39-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of attempting to refund merchandise at Long's Drugs that he had not purchased at 1:50 p.m. A 52-year-old Richmond woman was arrested on suspicion of committing a similar crime at Target at 12:15 a.m.

## Saturday, Aug. 7

■ **ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT** — Someone attempted to steal a vehicle on the 2500 block of Alva Avenue by tampering with the ignition between 9 p.m. on Aug. 7 and 7 a.m. on Aug. 9.

## Sunday, Aug. 8

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — An Oakland woman was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting from Ross at 3:27 p.m.

## Monday, Aug. 9

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — The window of a vehicle on the 6700 block of

Fairmount Avenue was broken between 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 9 and 7:45 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1989 Toyota Camry was recovered on the 1100 block of King Court between 6 and 11:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, Aug. 10

■ **DRUGS, OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — A 43-year-old Oakland man was arrested after he was stopped for a vehicle code violation at the parking lot of the Budget Inn. Police said the man had suspected cocaine in his pocket and there was a warrant for his arrest.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen Toyota Corolla was recovered on the 2000 block of Key Boulevard

at 7:42 a.m. The vehicle had been stolen in Vacaville.

## Thursday, Aug. 12

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A Toyota Camry station wagon was stolen from El Cerrito Plaza 7 and 8:15 p.m.

## Monday, Aug. 16

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — An Oakland woman was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting more than \$600 worth of merchandise from Target. Police said she was shopping cart with a number including a comforter and

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at age 93, she's too busy looking forward to look back. It would be nice if some of those who claim to be her friends emulated her example.

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The just-ended 30th annual Midsummer Mozart Festival was a bigger success than ever this year, with both attendance and the quality of the performances at an all-time high.

But Maestro George Cleve was conducting the orchestra with a heavy heart because his beloved cat, Hobbes, was dying back at home.

Hobbes was smart, affectionate and an accomplished music critic in his own right. He and his best friend, a Siamese mix named Watson who died two years ago, loved to sit in whenever a singer came to the house to audition.

"You could tell how well the audition was going by how long the cats stayed in the room," says Cleve. "If the person was singing well, they'd listen quietly through the whole audition. But if the person wasn't, they were outta there!"

Hobbes managed to hang on until the festival was over. The next day, knowing the end was near, Cleve played his two favorite pieces for him:

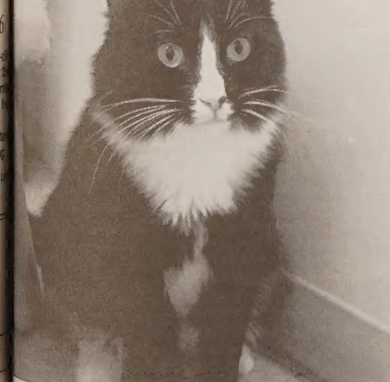
Beethoven's Bagatelle No. 11 in B-flat major and Bach's Saraband from the Partita No. 4 in D major.

Then, Hobbes ate a nibble or two of food, which he hadn't done in days, took a couple of sips of water and breathed his last in his master's arms.

My deepest sympathy to Cleve and his wife, flutist Maria Tamburrino, who are heartbroken. I can only echo Chopin's dying words: "Play Mozart in memory of me."

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OF THE WEEK



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years; female tortoiseshell, 5 years; female dilute tortoiseshell, 4 years; male gray tabby, 3 years; male brown tabby, 14 years; male black tabby, 1 year; male gray, 5 years.

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# Neighbors

## Suhaila seeks to gain respect for belly dance

By Casey Mills  
STAFF WRITER

Suhaila Salimpour is sick of the way America treats belly dancing. She's sick of it being performed by seductresses in James Bond movies, sick of belly dancers shimmying their way through the baklava and hummus at Mediterranean restaurants, sick of Britney Spears draping a snake around her neck and halfheartedly mimicking the dance.

So she's doing something about it.

Salimpour recently opened a dance studio in El Cerrito, where she runs the only certification class for the Suhaila Salimpour school of belly dance. Her signature program relies on a physiological understanding of the movements in the dance. Ultimately, the goal of Suhaila's program is to elevate the status of the dance to the heights of other forms, such as ballet or modern dance.

The program builds on a foundation created by Suhaila's mother, Jamila Salimpour, whom Suhaila describes as the Martha Graham of belly dance. Jamila brought belly dance to the United States in the '40s, and by the '60s had succeeded in integrating it and herself into San Francisco's bohemian scene. She opened a San Francisco nightclub called the Baghdad Cabaret, known as being a center for belly dancing on the West Coast, made body jewelry for Jimi Hendrix, and shared studio space with Janis Joplin.

Suhaila already appears well on her way to achieving her goals. The 37-year-old Kensington resident says people are beginning to come from around the world to participate in her program, which she believes is doing for belly dance what Bruce Lee did for martial arts. And her company's first show, "Sheherezade," recently appeared at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts.

Not bad for a dance once used just to give Sean Connery a chance to say "smashing."

**Q: What was your childhood like?**

A: Well, it wasn't normal. I was born in the late '60s. I grew up in an Islamic family. My father was Iranian and my mother was Sicilian and Greek, so my household was very hot-blooded and Mediterranean. It was like a scene from "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." I went to school my first day in kindergarten and my hands and feet were hennaed, because it's a tradition that they do to ward off the evil eye in the Middle East. There I was, everybody's name was Janet and Cindy, and my name was Suhaila.

**Q: Was that difficult?**

A: It was really hard, and the only thing that I had that really made me happy was my dancing, because in my household there was a lot of typical male domination. It was a very male, Moslem-dominated society, so my mother and I would escape to our dance. It wasn't until my father unfortunately passed away when I was 9 years old that ... well, it almost allowed me the opportunity to dance, because if he was alive today, he would kill me. My father's side of the family does not speak to me. I'm a disgrace, and I have shamed the family name by becoming a dancer. But I have my mother, I have my dance and I have my life and my spirit. And thank God I was born in this country. Thank God.

**Q: What if you had been born in the Middle East?**

A: If I was born in the Middle East, I wouldn't be allowed to



SUHAILA SALIMPOUR teaches belly dance in El Cerrito. Her curriculum builds on a foundation created by Suhaila's mother, Jamila Salimpour, who brought belly dance to the United States in the '40s.

"I really believe that every woman wants to belly dance, whether they want to admit it or not. It's in their psyche."

— Suhaila Salimpour

dance. I would be behind the veil. The only dancers in the Middle East are really the women that are outcasts of society. If you're a belly dancer, it's not looked at as a favorable profession. It's kind of the way we used to look at entertainers back in the 19th century.

It's really hard, because here I am, even though I'm from a Middle Eastern heritage, I'm an American. But I'm trying to take an art form and a dance that really isn't even respected in its own culture and have it be respected outside that culture. And the only way it can become respected is that you have to take it out of the restaurants, out of the streets, out of it being a gag and a gimmick in a spermant gum commercial, and put it on a theater stage.

**Q: Tell us about your dance company.**

A: Well, the dance company is composed of women of all ages, and they work really hard. It's not like I can hire them to rehearse full time, so they give me their time and their energy and their love and their passion because they want to. So it's all volunteer. My vision is so unique and it's such a powerful production that women feel very empowered by the experience.

**Q: What do you look for in your dancers?**

A: The group of women that I choose, I really look for somebody's heart and their intent first, and then their ability. Because I know I'm a really good teacher, so I can teach anybody what I need them to do. ...

What happens is it ends up creating a sisterhood and a community of women that is kind of lost in our society today. I mean, let's go back to the root of dance. The root of dance began for a sense of community, so when you take that element out, you have a cold, cold existent of the visual art. So what I brought back into it was this sense of community, and women just love being in this environment, because they feel good. Because women need women.

**Q: What is so special to you**



SUHAILA SAYS her favorite students are those who are older. "They think they want to take a belly-dance class. But they really don't. They want to change their life. ... And you know what? I see it happen," she says.

**about belly dancing?**

A: Because I really believe that every woman wants to belly dance, whether they want to admit it or not. It's in their psyche. It's a woman's dance, and it is only a woman's dance. I think that's important, whatever reason women do it for themselves. Some women do it for their mates, some do it for exercise, some do it to perform, some do it to empower themselves.

My favorite students are the women that come in here and they are later on in their years, and they've never worked out, and they think they want to take a belly-dance class. But they really don't. They want to change their life. They want to feel better, they want to start feeling positive and good about themselves again. And you know what? I see it happen. They transform.

**Q: How does belly dancing transform them?**

A: All of a sudden they start feeling good about their bodies, because it's a positive female environment. Every woman should feel amazing about their bodies, especially the ones that have had three children and have offered

themselves so selflessly to this world to produce these amazing kids. They come in here ... and they start to regain their individual sense of self. So now they're not just the wife or the mother or the worker in their job. Now they're them again.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

### Check in with Chamber

THERE WILL BE a general membership meeting of the Albany Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, which could be worth your time whether or not you own a business in town.

You might show up at 1 p.m. to see the city's Citizen of the Year, Joan Larson, and Youth of the Year, Briana K'Burg, honored for the community service. Assemblywoman Loni Hancock will present certificates of appreciation to the two, and Chamber President Sherman Lim will give them their awards.

But before that, at noon, is the Chamber's general membership meeting. Chamber of Commerce members will discuss the proposal to build a 600,000- to 800,000-square-foot development next to Golden Gate Fields.

The proposal drew about 150 to a meeting this past Saturday at the Community Center. Residents and city officials discussed the pros and cons of project, which would be built on a 45-acre site to the northwest and west sides of the track and include entertainment and retail, restaurants and housing.

The developer is Caruso Affiliated, based in Los Angeles. The firms hopes to get approval in 2005 for the project.

So far the city council and the chamber have trod carefully, the council not wanting to commit until it sees a more definite proposal, and the chamber postponing a vote this week about whether or not to oppose the idea. The chamber will seek more opinions from its membership on Saturday.

Speaking time at the meeting, says Chamber Executive Director James Carter, will first go to Chamber members, though if there's time, non-members also may weigh in.

But we suggest it would be interesting to hear what local business people have to say about the project, for or against.

Whatever happens at Golden Gate Fields, it will bring major changes to the city. Almost any project will generate revenue, but among community concerns are other possibilities: that a large retail center could lure customers away from Solano Avenue merchants; that expanded gambling operations could increase crime; that traffic is certain to increase with any additional activities in the area. A PetSmart and a Target store already are approved and underway on nearby Eastshore Highway.

Independent, local merchants on Solano Avenue do much to give Albany its small-town, intimate feel. Many of them are likely to be at this meeting and have well-thought-out ideas — ones that are worthy of a hearing by the rest of the community.

### Last chance to indulge

NEXT WEEK, schools in El Cerrito, quiet for two months, will begin to rumble with all the excitement of the new year. The week following, Albany schools begin their year.

The impending school year may have parents breathing sighs of relief, but for some people, the end of summer brings a sense of sadness.

School means schedules, homework (often as much a hassle for parents as students), college applications, water polo matches, football games, parent club meetings and carnivals ... in other words, school is busy.

It is so structured, in fact, that it's even more important to store up, over the next few days, some simple pleasures to tide us over the fall. Some suggestions:

■ Watch the Olympics coverage in the middle of the night;

- Eat late out on your patio;
- Pitch a tent in your own back yard;
- Make lemonade from scratch;
- Build a fort — even if you are 40;
- Go on a long bike ride;
- Ride a ferry to San Francisco;
- Organize a neighborhood softball game;
- Work in a garden — yours or someone else's;
- Check out trashy romance novels from the library

and see how many you get through before next Wednesday;

- Go fishing;
- Get away for the weekend;
- Stay home and do nothing.

There will be plenty of time to be organized and responsible later.

## YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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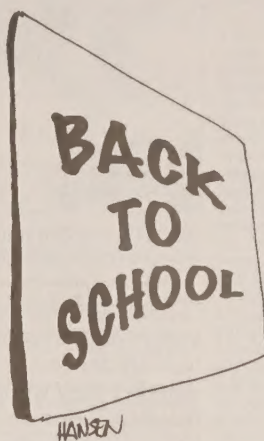
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**Albany:** City offices, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 510-528-5710.

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## SOME SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN SESSION

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What about the 'human' species?

Contra Costa County is only 23 percent developed. We have too much open space.

We need business and housing. Eco-extremists have pushed our home prices to \$400,000 and beyond. They all live in nice houses but they keep on demanding more open space. Our grandchildren will never be able to afford a home.

Driving from Hercules to Martinez, we see thousands of beautiful home sites ruined with thistles, bugs and a giant fire hazard.

Why can't we have some beautiful homes with trees, green grass, flowers and back-yard vegetables? Why do we need so much dangerous open space?

Don't we humans count? Apparently, animals, bugs, frogs, birds, weeds and snakes are more important. All these things live right here in El Cerrito.

My back yard has strawberries, tomatoes, apricots and squash, along with skunks, opossums, squirrels, deer, turkeys, raccoons, rats, snakes, lizards, frogs and birds. The extremists say these are not the "right kind of species."

Mom and Dad moved here from Mississippi in 1943 because we weren't the "right kind of species."

Let's stop being brainwashed. Our local wetlands are ugly bug swamps full of vermin and disease. West Nile virus kills billions of birds, as well as horses and humans. Humans and every species are the "right kind of species."

The eco-extremists intelligentsia who live here in nice houses are brainwashing us.

The Point Richmond proposal is a great project. We will create thousands of new jobs. We will bring in money from East Bay and Marin County shoppers.

Ella Jensen  
El Cerrito

### Unacceptable development

Regarding the Aug. 14 community meeting, I was shocked that a Citizens for Eastshore State Park (CESP) spokesperson believes environmentally insensitive development is acceptable in Albany.

I respectfully disagree with this view. The city needs income from development at the Albany waterfront and needs to preserve the fragile ecosystem.

Destroying Bay creeks and wetlands on the east side of the area removes the habitat for numerous migrating birds and other species. The location of income-producing development needs considerable thought and attention to alternatives.

Additionally, saying that a parking lot is a good use of our creeks and wetlands is totally irresponsible. As any student of environmental science knows, development of paved surfaces is one of the major ways that humans interfere with one of nature's major cycles, the water cycle.

I am glad we have elected officials in Albany, such as council member Jewel Okawachi and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Alan Riffer, who realize it takes thoughtful study and extensive public discussion to reach a proposal which best meets the needs of Albany and the region in protecting the environment and providing responsible development.

Ruth Ganong  
Albany

### Questions

A couple of thoughts: Is it just me, or

do George W. and Laura Bush look like cut-out dolls, while John F. and Teresa Heinz Kerry look like real 3-D human beings?

This could explain a lot.

Regarding a national director of intelligence: Would anyone who could qualify be stupid enough to accept?

Sharon Beaucage  
Kensington

### Media watchdogs

I would like to respond to Emily Bartman's excellent letter (Aug. 13) regarding our need for a media watchdog group. She, like many of us, is concerned that too many Americans are getting their news from a strongly biased Fox News.

The good news is that there are already media watchdogs out there, some of which even give us, the little people, a chance to help when major media outlets try to push biased coverage on us. Perhaps our local newspaper could write a short article providing Web sites for all the watchdog groups and alternative news sources that already exist.

For example, [moveon.org](http://moveon.org) and [fair.org](http://fair.org) (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) provide news and an easy way to join their activist groups. [Democracyforamerica.com](http://Democracyforamerica.com) provides summaries and links to stories that may not appear in our daily paper.

In an effort to be fair and balanced, I'll add that a Web search for "media watchdog" will also lead the concerned conservative to like-minded groups.

Letitia Berlin  
Albany

### Let's have fair discussion

I was very disappointed to learn that Citizens for Eastshore park (CESP) and the Sierra Club intended to treat Albany City Council candidates in uneven ways at the recent "community meeting" that they sponsored.

Originally, only one candidate, apparently supported by CESP and the Sierra Club, was an "agendaized" speaker, even though a brochure sent to some community members indicated council candidates would be speaking.

Other candidates were told they could come and chat with others in the audience, but that they would not be allowed to speak.

Then, on Aug. 12, the other candidates were told that since Congresswoman Barbara Lee would not be attending, they could speak for one minute. On the morning of Aug. 14, they were told they could be given several minutes to introduce themselves and speak on issues.

Even with a request to do so, the master of ceremonies (moderator) declined to notify the audience that the reason one candidate was not in attendance was because of family responsibilities out of the area.

Supporting specific candidates is cer-

tainly appropriate for any organization couching the support in a venue. "community meeting" is not.

CESP and the Sierra Club need to be up front with Albany residents, entitled to the truth. Let's have a honest discussion of the issues.

Diane Mc

### Well done

Regarding the Journal article "records, closed doors" (July 30), to thank you in the strongest terms for your excellent and systematic local governments' responsiveness to laws mandating access to public records.

It took effort and planning to make such a test, and you should be proud of yourselves. I'm proud of you.

### Albany growth

Your East Bay Roundup records, closed doors" (July 30), to thank you in the strongest terms for your excellent and systematic local governments' responsiveness to laws mandating access to public records.

The Eastshore Highway is built between the Interstate 80 freeway and the Southern Pacific Railway. It has two outlets, at Buchanan Street and Gilman Street in Berkeley.

While Albany may have sprouted a little-used end of this corridor, the busier Berkeley end is already a nightmare, with freeway on- and off-ramps competing with industrial traffic for access to heavily used streets.

abused Gilman, where there are traffic lights to control multiple merging streams. Even during non-peak hours it can be harrowing to watch cars inch forward from both directions on Eastshore Highway, trying to get to Gilman or across it to the freeway ramps.

What boggles my mind is the coordination between these two agencies concerning planning for these scale retail stores.

A few months ago, I mentioned Target project to a Berkeley planning works in the traffic division. This was completely unaware of Albany's scale growth in this neighborhood.

Maybe Albany is ready for a decrease in traffic on their quiet streets. After all, there is no direct access to the north off the highly traveled I-80 freeway and so traffic from both north and south will be much more likely to use Berkeley's Gilman Street exits.

The fact is that any newly planned traffic will impact one of the scenic intersections in the East Bay. Berkeley needs to install lights and repave deteriorating roadway immediately.

Jeff Kim

El Sobrante

### Vote intelligently

Regarding Linda Ronstadt: Her tract stated "no politics."

She signed it, got her money and regarded the hotel's request? I have done the same as the hotel's present entertainment, not political.

Voters, whether Republican or Democrat, need to study the candidate's records and made intelligent decisions based on facts, not emotion.

Barbara S.

Richmond

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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Ann Fields, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to [afields@ctimes.com](mailto:afields@ctimes.com) or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

## Children

■ Does your child have a pleasant voice and like to sing? The Arlington Children's Choir, based in Kensington, will be holding auditions in September for boys and girls age 8-14. This is a new choir and focus is on performing around the Bay area and on our tour in England, next spring. Your child will also learn basic music reading and sight singing as well as the performing repertoire. Contact Shanti Moorjani (the director) for an audition appointment to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 1 and Wednesday, September 8. The number is (510) 843-7745.

■ Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 848-0237.

■ El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3½ years meets Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. 215-4371.

## Community

■ Harding Elementary Back-to-School Community Picnic is 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Harding Park Clubhouse. New and returning Harding families and the neighborhood are invited for free food at this fun-filled event. Meet other families, hear about plans for moving into the new \$13 million school, and find out more about PTA-sponsored programs while your children participate in games and activities. The school is on Fairmount Avenue at Ashbury in El Cerrito. Lisa, 510-745-1511.

■ West Berkeley Foundation's second annual Grant Awards Night, featuring a keynote talk by Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, is 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 24 at Rosa Parks School Auditorium, 920 Allston Way, Berkeley. Meet and mingle with representatives of the 20 non-profit organizations, neighborhood residents and others. Grant winners will use their award to help replace a playground structure at a bilingual child care program, to recruit and train West Berkeley youths and parents in leadership development, to provide safe night time sleeping spaces for street youth from December to March and more. Free. Details: Lynn@soccamerica.com or 510-559-2202.

■ The Ecology Center's newest Berkeley farmers market celebrates its grand opening at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street, with special guests Chef Alice Waters and Mayor Tom Bates. The free market will feature all organically grown

produce. The grand opening is Aug. 26, 3-7 p.m. Regular hours are Thursdays, 3-7 p.m. 510-548-3333; [www.ecology-center.org](http://www.ecology-center.org).

■ World Food Festival at the Saturday Berkeley Farmers' Market Event IV. Asian Cuisine features a cooking demonstration by Vanni Patchara of Vanni-Innovative Cuisine. Free. Saturday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chef demonstration starting at 11 a.m. Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. 510-548-3333; [www.ecology-center.org](http://www.ecology-center.org).

■ American Rhododendron Society, Cal Chapter meets Thursday Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland near the entrance to Children's Fairyland. The society's yearly propagation program is featured this month. Bring rhodie or azalea cuttings to share. Newcomers welcome. Marilynne, 510-223-0443.

■ Saturday, Aug. 28, Rhythm & Muse returns with a Neruda Centennial Tribute Open Mic. Open mic sign-up 6:30 p.m., reading/performance 7 p.m. Admission free. Piano & 2 mics available. Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., between Euclid and Rose streets. 510-522-9753.

■ Take a Seat for Habitat Auction and Gala is Sept. 17. Auction featuring 15 custom-decorated children's chairs, designed by celebrities to benefit Habitat Children's Museum in Berkeley. Celebrity designs from Lance Armstrong, Pixar Animation Studios with Ellen DeGeneres, Mayor Gavin Newsom, India Arie and more. Wine, hors d'oeuvres, and dancing with entertainment by The Amazing Djs. Friday, Sept. 17, 7-11 p.m. at Casa de la Vista on Treasure Island. Tickets \$100 per person available in advance at 510-647-1111, ext. 16. Details: [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

■ Programs at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave.: Mercy Brown Bag Program 9:30-10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 20, (Call 524-9122 to sign up, \$10 per year); Golf Program for Seniors, first Thursday in September, October, November, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., (524-9122 to sign up) free; Smoking Cessation Group, Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon, seven meetings starting Aug. 27, sliding scale \$3-\$10. per week; Senior Issues Support Group, Thursdays 11 a.m.-noon, starts Sept. 9, \$15.

■ The 13th annual Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf and Tennis Classic benefits the medical center's nationally recognized substance-abuse program, Thunder Road. Jim Courier and John Lloyd headline the celebrity tennis event on Saturday, Sept. 18. Watch 30-plus sports and entertainment celebrities compete with sponsored tennis players on six courts at the Berkeley Tennis Club. Followed by a star-studded gala dinner at the Claremont Resort. Tickets to the celebrity tennis event cost \$25 and include a box lunch; children 10 and under are free. Tickets to the gala dinner are also available. For more info or tickets, visit [www.abstf.org](http://www.abstf.org), or call 510-204-1667. The Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf Tournament kicks off the week at the Diablo Country Club. Golfers will tee off on Monday, Sept. 12 for a day competing with local pros and celebrities. Tickets to the golf tournament cover a round of golf, lunch and a celebrity gala dinner.

■ The Arlington Community Church in Kensington would like to invite singers in the neighborhood to a Potluck /

Sing-through of their fall and Christmas music. Potluck starts at 6 p.m., singing starts at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., in Kensington. Call Leslie, the choir director at 843-7745 or the church 526-9146 for further information.

■ University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, extends its usual daily hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to its summer twilight hours: Open until 8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday The Twilight Tour series takes advantage of the extended daylight and longer Garden hours. Enjoy a different tour every Wednesday and Thursday through Aug. 12. Pay for three different tours, get the fourth tour free. Admission: \$3 for adults \$2 for seniors \$5, \$1 for Children (3-18). Free to members, UC Students, UC Faculty and staff and children under 3. \$2 for Cal Alumni Association members. Free to the public every Thursday. Details and tour registration: 510-643-2755, [www.botanical-garden.berkeley.edu](http://www.botanical-garden.berkeley.edu).

■ Prospect Sierra School, 960 Avis Drive in El Cerrito, offers "Community Country Dance" Contra, circle, and couple dances from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. An intro class is offered at 7:30 p.m. All dances are done to live fiddle music and prompted by caller, Kirsten Koths. No partners are required. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10. Wear clean, no marking shoes. For more information, call 510-233-7929.

■ The Berkeley City Club and the Landmark Heritage Foundation, are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the legacy of Julia Morgan. Take a free docent-led tour of the Berkeley City Club on the fourth Sunday of each month except December, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tours are free; donations are welcome. The Berkeley City Club is located at 2315 Durant Avenue (two blocks west of Telegraph Avenue). For group reservations or more information, call 510-848-7800 or 510-883-9710.

■ Charcot Marie Tooth support group meets quarterly from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marine Ave. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. For more information, call Gail Whitehouse at 408-425-5629.

■ Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. 845-1226 or e-mail [bnc@netvalue.net](mailto:bnc@netvalue.net).

■ Berkeley Camera Club meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), Chapter 1294 — 7:15-8:30 p.m., Thursdays. First Presbyterian Church, 3415 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-235-0490, 510-233-0318.

■ Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open



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to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. 642-0808.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively. 525-5231.

■ Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 893-6708 for details.

■ Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ "Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

## Exhibits

■ Albany Arts Committee presents "Here We Are: Scenes from Not-So-Far Away," paintings of Albany by Kanna Aoki, in the Albany Community Center and Library's Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., through Oct. 7. Details: 510-524-9283.

■ "Bohemian Berkeley 1890-1925" exhibit extended until Sept. 19 at the Berkeley History Center, 1931 Center St., Berkeley. "Berkeley Bohemia" focuses on the colorful, artistic community of late nineteenth and early twentieth century Berkeley - its inhabitants, ideals, and activities. The exhibition features artifacts and photographs from the Berkeley Historical Society archives and the community.

■ Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., continues its exhibit "A Voice Silenced," through Sept. 19. The exhibition, by Diane Neumaier, is in memory of Leonora Schwarz Neumaier, Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 510-549-6950 or visit the Web site at [www.magnes.org](http://www.magnes.org).

■ The seventh International Juried Enamel Exhibition to find a New Home at the Arts and Crafts Cooperative Inc. (ACCI) Gallery runs from Sept. 3 to Oct. 9. Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 11-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Opening reception: Friday, Sept. 10, 6-8 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2527

■ Giorgio Gallery, 2911 Center St., Berkeley, presents "An Art Deco Watermark" through Aug. 22. Prints by Elizabeth Addison, printmaking students from Berkeley. For more info, visit [www.studio1508.com](http://www.studio1508.com). 848-1228. Wednesday-Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, 2626 Bancroft Way, UC campus, continues its "Berkeley Master of Photography" exhibition through Aug. 22. Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: general \$8; seniors and students \$5; BAM/PFA members, UC students, staff and faculty under 12 free. 24-hour reception 510-642-0808.

■ The Free Speech Movement at the Moffitt Undergraduate Library. Berkeley presents "The Legacy of Protest" — We Hold the Line exhibition of the "Alcatraz Occupation" featuring photographs by Hartmann and Michelle Vige.

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for Peace and Freedom at La  
Sunday, Aug. 29, 8-10 p.m. Tick-  
\$50. With Yaelisa, La Monica,  
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Berkeley, 510-849-  
www.lapena.org.

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and music at the Julia Morgan  
the Arts in Berkeley at the  
Anniversary of American Society  
Arts, at 8 p.m. on Aug. 20.  
Julia Morgan Center for the Arts,  
Berkeley. The event honors T. Bal-  
asaraswati. The event features the Amer-  
ican Society for Eastern Arts, which is  
celebrating its 30th anniversary. The gath-  
ering reunites ASEA students  
and faculty, features Aniruddha Knight,  
Bharatanatyam dancer and grandson of  
legendary T. Balasaraswati. Details:  
510-849-1023.

John & Moe returns on Aug. 28,  
Public Neruda Centennial Open  
House. The event is a free, all-day  
open house with music, art, and  
activities at 7 p.m. Berkeley Art  
Center, 1275 Walnut St. 510-844-6893,  
www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

Bring your favorite  
to the event, or pieces in  
need. Nicole Miner will be impro-  
vising. Piano and two mics Un-  
der the Stars. Music is always  
welcome. Rhythm & Muse is always  
welcome. Thursday Saturday of the  
upcoming features: Sept. 25, Ali  
and Gilberto Zamora. Oct. 23,  
Rita Bregman.

Repertory Theatre opens its  
season with *The Secret in the  
Room*, directed by Mary  
Ann. Preview at Berkeley Rep  
Theatre, 3 show opens Sept. 8 and  
Oct. 17. Single tickets for the  
show are on sale Sunday,  
Aug. 15 and are priced between \$10  
and \$55, depending on  
seating. Group discounts  
are available (for 15 or more), and  
student and senior half-price  
tickets. Berkeley Rep's Roda  
Theatre is at 2015 Addison St., next  
to the Thrust Stage. Details or tick-  
ets: 510-847-2949 or  
www.berkeleyrep.org.

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dance for all ages at the Albany  
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needed. Wear comfortable shoes and  
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Albany Ave. \$4; call 525-1542.

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Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz  
and Dance Community Center,  
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tion classes in dance, fitness,  
and martial arts and more. University  
of California, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370;  
www.ucsf.edu.

## Learning

Berkeley Adult School offers ceram-  
ics classes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on  
Tuesdays at the St. John's Senior Cen-  
ter, 2727 College Ave. Classes are free,  
and a minimal charge. For infor-  
mation, call Diana Bohn  
510-849-1023.

St. John's Prime Timers Senior  
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and travel slide presentations once a month. Classes are on-going. New members and seniors over 50 are always welcome. Lunch and friendly conversation are offered at a minimal charge. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Avenue, Berkeley. Call 845-6830 for time and schedules.

**Beginning Internet Workshops** take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet mouse skills, email, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

**The Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.,** offers free, ongoing chess instruction Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The lessons range from fundamental to advanced topics, and also casual play. This program is led by David Priess, who holds the Senior Master title and is one of the top chess players and teachers in California. All levels are welcome and chess sets are provided. Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

**Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple, clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harter, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

**Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 238-3554.

**Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave.,** offers family-friendly program classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into everyday lives. Details: 845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

**The Berkeley Adult School** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be used to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and introductory and advanced computer classes. Details: 644-6130.

**Berkeley Community Media, Channel 25,** offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

**Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave.,** offers dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaranjali Dances of India, to

West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054. n Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830.

**Dance and fitness classes** open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m.** beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Literary events

**Live readings of short fiction: Actors Reading Writers: Celebrating Writing through Live Readings.** "The Unsustainable Object of Desire," stories by Woody Allen, Robert Olen Butler and Pam Houston. Monday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Free, open to the public.

## Meetings/lectures

**Come and share your ideas** about intersection improvements on Stockton Avenue, trail connecting El Cerrito parks, bike lanes on Richmond Street, other improvements for bicyclists, pedestrians, and disabled individuals at the **City of El Cerrito workshop on the Circulation Plan** for Bicyclists, Pedestrians, and Disabled on Monday, Aug. 23, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Community Center Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane. Provide feedback on proposed routes and recommended improvements that will be included in the City's Circulation Plan. Contact Natasha Goguts at ngoguts@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510)-215-4311 for more information.

**"Spirituality in Daily Life"** by Amaud Maitland, an introduction to various methods to apply to bring a sense of spirituality into daily life, takes place Saturday, Aug. 21, 3 p.m. at Dharma Publishing, 1910 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Aspects include: Caring for ourselves and the environments we live in; Bringing out the best in us and in others and overcoming difficulties; Living a life that is worthwhile now and in retrospect. Admission: suggested donation for the lecture is \$10.

## Miscellany

**St. John's Prime Timers in Berkeley** offers ongoing classes at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Classes include exercises, ceramics, copper enameling, woodworking, weaving, creative writing, and tap dancing (Thursdays). New members are always welcome, especially seniors' over 50. Call 845-6830 for more information.

**Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRiti, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

**The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters** Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

**The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

**Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters.** The Smart Club Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**Toastmasters:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m., at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

**"Voices of Healing"** is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. 510-528-1235.

**Overeaters Anonymous,** a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). 510-273-9292.

**TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 990 Stannage Ave. at Marin; Mary, 526-3711.

## Music

**KFOG and Another Planet** present a very special solo and acoustic evening with Neil Young, with special guest Jonathan Richman at the Berkeley Community Theatre on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Public on sale 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 22 at Ticketmaster or at ageconcerts.com. Tickets: Reserved \$49.50 plus TM applicable service charge fees.

**Slammin',** a fresh mix of a cappella singing, beat boxing and body music, performs Sunday, Aug. 22 at 4:30 p.m. at the Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley. \$18 general admission, \$15 students/seniors, \$12 Jazzschool students/children 12 and under. www.jazzschool.com or call 510-845-5373.

**The Jazzschool presents Ambrose Akinmusire Project** on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. \$15 general admission \$12 students/seniors. 510-845-5373.

**Down Home Music, 10341 San Pablo Ave.,** in El Cerrito, presents tin pan alley troubadours **The Frisky Frolics** in a performance on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m. The Frisky Frolics are a five-piece, ukulele-driven outfit specializing in long-forgotten musical gems of the 1920-30's.

**30th Anniversary of American Society for Eastern Arts** - The Center for World Music presents a program of south Indian dance and music Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts in Berkeley. The event honors T. Balasaraswati, Luise Scripps and the

American Society for Eastern Arts, which is marking its 30th anniversary. The gathering, which reunites ASEA students and faculty, features Aniruddha Knight, Bharatanatyam dancer and grandson of the legendary T. Balasaraswati. 415.826.1029.

**Upcoming performers at the Albartross Pub, 1822 San Pablo Ave. (at Hearst), Berkeley: Wednesday, Sept. 1, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29, Whiskey Brothers (old time and bluegrass) 9 p.m., free; Saturday, Sept. 4 Kugeplex (Klezmer) 9:30 p.m., \$3 cover, Saturday, Sept. 25, pickPocket ensemble (European folk and cafe-style) 9:30 p.m., \$3 cover. 510-843-2473 or www.albartrosspub.com**

**Jazz Mine** will be performing every Friday from 6:30-9:30 at King Tsin Chinese Restaurant, 1699 Solano Ave. in Berkeley.

**Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley,** hosts **Sunday Night Jam Sessions** every Sunday, 7:30-10 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists welcome to sit in. Free. Call 510-845-5373 or swing@jazzschool.com

## Outdoors

**The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon,** offers a **free sick plant clinic** on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

**Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds:** house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an

important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lella 655-3911.

**East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park,** presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

## Religion

**Celebrate Pride with New Spirit Community Church!** A special worship service celebrating LGBT spirituality and pride in the East Bay. 11 a.m. at Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. For more information contact 704-7729 or www.newspiritchurch.org.

**Dying/Tibetan Buddhism Sylvia Gretchen on "Tibetan Teachings on Death and Dying"** 6 p.m. at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. 510-843-6812. Free.

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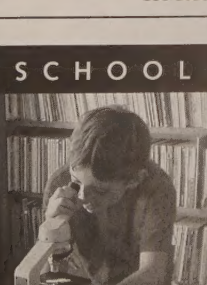
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# Watch out, Harry, there's a new guy in town

I SAW ALEX work his magic at a fund-raiser for the San Francisco Symphony and watched in amazement as these classical music lovers gasped at his "tricks," laughed heartily at his quips, called back answers to his questions and otherwise showed themselves to be in thrall to this slender, 19-year-old magician from Richmond.

Alex Gonzalez has been fascinated by magic since he read his first book on it five years ago. His parents, seeing his interest, gave him more books and took him to magic stores to buy the tools of the trade.

"I never wanted to perform," he tells us. "It was just something that I liked. It was my mom who said, 'You know, I think it would be a good idea if you would perform,' and the owner of the magic shop said, 'I think you should compete.'"

Alex did compete and won his first first-place award in San Francisco in the stage magician competition. "I was 17 and was the youngest person in the competition." He has since entered and won prizes in many more competitions.



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

His very first performance was at a children's show at the Albany Library.

"I was fascinated by my audience," he says. "The children were seated in front and behind them stood their parents and friends. I noticed that the adults were enjoying it as much as, and looked as delighted as the children. That really excited me."

As a result, he was asked to repeat his act at many libraries throughout the Bay Area and beyond. His mother had to drive him to them because he was not yet driving. Another result of his successful Albany Library show was that in the Alameda County Library's campaign "Find It, Read It, Learn It," his was the picture, with a dove on his shoulder and a fan of cards in his hand, on the

back of the AC Transit buses in the "Learn It" portion.

Another of his first jobs was with Chevy's Restaurant in Richmond, where he did close-up magic, from table to table. "Mom just went in there and told them, 'My son is a magician.'"

He was by now being asked to perform at birthday parties and other events. "By the time I was a junior, I was a performer," he says. "But even with the libraries, I did it differently each time."

Asked where his pattern came from, he answers, "I just did it. It was never scripted." He adds, "At 16, you don't know what's funny, what will work. If people laugh and seem to enjoy it, you think, 'Great. I'll do it again next time.' In my junior and senior years, I was doing about 50 or 60 shows a year."

Alex, a student at Diablo Valley College, is looking forward to attending circus school next fall, working on the Chinese pole. His sister, Leah, who studies the trapeze there, is a Raiderette and was Rookie of the Year last year. "She is my

assistant when I need a pretty girl to help me."

As for his future? "I would like to work on cruise ships for a while and travel a bit. Then, (I) would like to have a variety show on television. But I am young. I will see what happens."

Meanwhile, Alex is looking forward to participating in the Solano Stroll on Sept. 12, when he will be doing four or five shows in front of the First Baptist Church at 1319 Solano Ave. He will also be performing at the Port Costa Talent Show on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Port Costa School. Magic By Alex can be reached at 510-237-0249.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is [rcrgenser@aol.com](mailto:rcrgenser@aol.com).

## Losing things? Try these

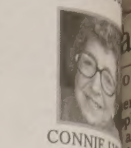
Q: I regularly lose things such as my sunglasses, keys and even my wallet now and again. They eventually turn up, usually where I least expect them, but it's very stressful in the meantime. Any ideas on how to make the inevitable searching process more productive?

A: How many times have I heard this question? You share this problem with so many other people and yet there really are a number of things that you can do to help solve it. Let's start with the keys.

Keys are so necessary, and probably the most constantly used item of all those that you mentioned. Select a particular spot that is convenient to your house doors, or wherever you enter your home. It should be a spot where you will always be using your keys. Install a nail, hook, or perhaps even a small basket — something that can hold your keys. Then always put your keys there. I have a magnetic hook attached to the refrigerator, just inside the kitchen door that is very convenient to my entry way. My keys always go there immediately when I arrive home. On a rare occasion, I have not remembered where I put my keys, but when I checked the hook — guess what? — there they were! Find a place for yourself today.

Some items, such as glasses, are with us even more of the time than are keys, especially if we need them for reading or other detailed work. Those attachments that are made to fit the earpieces of glasses can be a great help in keeping the glasses around your neck when you aren't using them. These can help one avoid misplacing them, inasmuch as they will always be with you.

Sunglasses are usually worn far less often, and my first suggestion for avoiding losing them is the same as for keys: Always put them in the same place. However, if they are lost, there is another technique that often works well for finding them, or



CONNIE LYNNE  
Don't Lose Your Keys

any other misplaced item. Use your imagination. It doesn't mean this is the best, but imagining is a comfortable seat. Where were you when you last wore your keys? Remember the situation? What were you doing? What were you wearing? Wear sunglasses? Ask pertinent questions of them as well as you are able, actually remember the details. Relive the situation. Well be surprised at the details develop. I have tried this technique. I told me how well it

In general, it would be helpful for you to be focused, to concentrate, pay close attention to what is around you. Being aware of your surroundings and of what you are doing can help you to remember your activities. Avoid distractions. You can. Late in the day, remember your activities. Much detail as possible.

All these ideas are helpful for you to be organized and in control of your life and possessions. Try.

E-mail inquiries for resident Connie Lynne: [niernw@aol.com](mailto:niernw@aol.com). Lynne is founder of Mind Works fitness program for older adults.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

### Albany

**Albany Senior Center** — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Part 2 of mature driving course 9 a.m.-1 p.m. today. 510-524-9122.

### Berkeley

**North Berkeley Senior Center** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1901 Hearst Ave. Clutter Support Group today. Discussion on election issues 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. 510-981-5190.

**St. John's Prime Timers** — 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Tuesdays, 2727 College Ave. Shirley Pan will show slides of her recent travels in Ethiopia at 11 a.m. Tuesday. 510-845-6830.

**West Berkeley Senior Center** — 8

a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1900 6th St. Black historical film today. 510-981-5180.

### El Cerrito

**El Cerrito Committee on Aging** — 3 p.m. Wednesday at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

**St. John's Senior Center** — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave. Bingo, with white elephant prizes will be Tuesday. 510-237-3808.

**The Open House** — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays, 6500 Stockton Ave. 510-215-4340.

**Community Center** — 7007 Mooser Lane. There will be a tea dance 1-4 p.m. Wednesday. Refreshments in-

cluded with \$3 admission. 510-215-4340.

### Richmond

**Alzheimer's Respite Care Center** — 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 1015 Nevin Ave., Suite 108. 510-235-6276.

**Richmond Senior Drop-In Center** — 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, 2525 Macdonald Ave. Ballroom dancing 1 p.m. Tuesday. 510-307-8067.

**The Annex Senior Center** — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 5801 Huntington Ave. There will be a potluck dinner 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. 510-620-6812.

**Neighborhood House of North Richmond Seniors** — 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 515 Silver Ave. 510-232-

3511.

### Parchester Village Seniors

— 11 a.m.-1 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 900 Williams Drive. Games, speakers, bingo and keno. 510-235-4473.

### May Valley Community Center

— 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekdays, 3530 Morris Drive. 510-620-6890.

Submit information for this calendar at least two weeks in advance to: Dora Scardina, c/o the Journal, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806. E-mail: [dscardina@cctimes.com](mailto:dscardina@cctimes.com). Fax: 510-262-2776.

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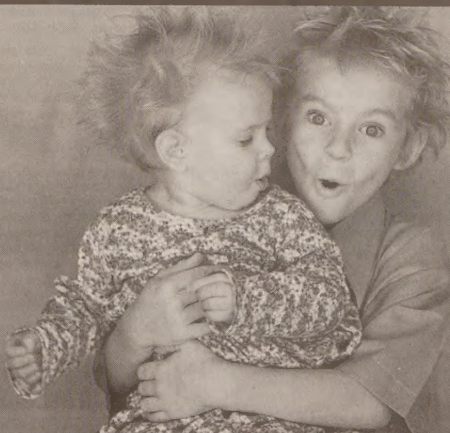
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words, are there enough  
to support three stores in  
one in the city seems to  
be the case. Target representatives  
did not return phone calls.  
However, Tom Davidoff, an  
assistant professor at the Haas  
School of Business at UC Berkeley,  
said Target looks for markets  
with 80,000 people. Two Target  
stores, one in Richmond and a com-  
pany store in El Cerrito with a com-  
bined population of about  
100 people, could operate si-  
multaneously, he said. The Al-  
bany store could draw shoppers  
from Berkeley and points  
to the added.  
"It seems like a lot for a small  
geographical area but it may  
work," Davidoff said.  
The new Richmond store  
for some time caused con-  
fusion for El Cerrito officials and  
alarmed some residents.  
Earlier this year, El Cerrito  
City Manager Jay  
reminded him of a state  
prohibiting any financial as-  
sistance to big-box stores relo-  
cating to different cities within

the same market.

Seeing the store close is less  
of a concern today, said Jill  
Keimach, El Cerrito's community  
development director.

Keimach said officials at the  
El Cerrito store have inquired  
about expanding the garden cen-  
ter, which runs along the west  
side of the store, though an ap-  
plication for an expansion has  
not been submitted to the city.

"I don't think they're going to  
leave if they're going to expand  
their store," Keimach said. "They  
wouldn't spend hundreds of  
thousands of dollars to expand  
if they're going to leave in the  
short term. This move validates  
our assumption that they're go-  
ing to stay despite the new open-  
ing of the Greatland store in Al-  
bany."

Keimach speculated that Tar-  
get will probably stay at least an-  
other five years to recoup its  
costs if it expands.

"I don't know that, but I'm just  
guessing," she said.

The El Cerrito Target store  
opened in 1992 with an \$8 mil-  
lion subsidy from the city's re-  
development agency to buy land  
that relocated 32 households and  
seven businesses, according to a  
city fact sheet.

It was reported in September,  
2002 in the East Bay Business  
Times that Target would possi-  
bly close the El Cerrito store and  
replace it with a Mervyn's store.  
However, earlier this month it  
was announced that Target was  
selling the Mervyn's chain to a  
group of investors on the East  
Coast for \$1.6 billion.

The possibility of the Target  
store closing has alarmed some  
residents.

"I see this (Target) as a valu-  
able resource for El Cerrito," said  
Martin Kaliski, a member of the  
Chamber of Commerce board of  
directors, the city's economic de-  
velopment board and owner of  
Marty's Motors, a few blocks  
south of the Target store on San  
Pablo Avenue. "Because they're  
a source of jobs and they're a  
source of tax revenue and they're  
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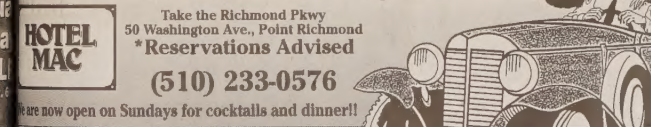
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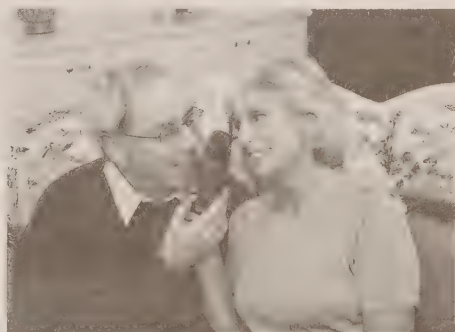
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## Tax

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blow to the city budget, requiring cuts to services, including police, fire, senior services and recreation. Without it, officials say the city will face a financial crisis similar to those seen in Richmond and around the state.

"El Cerrito is fiscally sound because the people of our city understand that police and fire protection; parks, senior services, recreation programs; safe roads; and clean streets are more than frivolous government spending programs," reads a rebuttal to the argument against Measure K, signed by Councilwoman Sandi Potter and the presidents of the El Cerrito Firefighters Association and the Police Employees Association, among others.

"Most people in El Cerrito appreciate that these elements make the difference between simply living in a city or living in a community. Measure K will protect those programs just as it will protect our fiscal reserves and ensure continuity of critical services."

Opponents, including Councilwoman Gina Brusatori, say there are a number of reasons to vote against Measure K, including the way the council handled the property transfer tax refunds (see sidebar).

In an argument against the utility users tax filed last week, Brusatori, Magary, former Councilman Ken Berndt and resident Nancy Teese allege the city has "gone on a binge of unprecedented

and unsustainable spending" as a result of "fiscal mismanagement."

The fiscal mismanagement they allege includes the council granting a 19 percent raise to the city manager last June; spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on consultants "unnecessarily;" and nearly tripling the cost of its legal fees under a city attorney hired two years ago.

The only dissenting vote in several controversial issues, Brusatori expressed frustration over how the council has chosen to spend the city's money.

She expressed regret over voting in favor of granting City Manager Scott Hanin a raise after he failed to "provide leadership" to the council during the property transfer tax discussions. He could have offered a plan to refund the tax money, Brusatori said, perhaps over a period of several years.

In June, for the first time in her seven years on the council, Brusatori voted against accepting the 2004-2005 city budget. The budget decreased the amount of spending on infrastructure by millions of dollars.

She voted against granting an additional \$1 million for the Cerrito Theater renovations, though that money is coming from the city's redevelopment agency and not from the city's general fund.

Councilman Mark Friedman said the allegations were exaggerated.

"I don't think we're a spend-thrift city at all," he said. "I think we're extremely lean and the fact that we have city hall in trailers all these years, doesn't speak of a city that's wildly extravagant."

As for the city manager, Hanin was underpaid, Friedman added, and deserved a raise to place him within the median of city manager salaries in other Contra Costa cities.

"We've done all of our expenditures in a very prudent manner," he said, "and that's how we were able to build up significant reserves and Councilwoman Gina Brusatori and I have been working on that for seven years since we arrived on the council."

Brusatori and utility tax opponents believe the city has enough money left in its general fund reserves for the city to do without the utility tax until an independent group of residents examines the city's finances and does a number of things: Suggest cost-saving measures, identify money for infrastructure, propose a plan to refund money "stolen" through the property transfer tax and fixes the utility users tax "faulty" structure.

If approved in November the tax will provide an exemption for low-income seniors. But it will retain the city's ability to levy the tax on residents' water bills for the first time.

"There are ways for the city, with the money we already have, to be spent to protect, you know, protect and provide essential services," Brusatori said. "But poor choices have been made. And this utility users tax provides an excellent opportunity for this to be highlighted and discussed."

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FORMER EL CERRITO City Councilman Norman La Force and former Albany City Councilman Robert Cheasty, now both involved with Citizens for the Eastshore State Park, confer during a Saturday Aug. 14 forum on the future of the Albany shoreline.

## Future

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Okawachi was at a wedding and was unable to attend.

To various degrees of enthusiasm, four of the candidates — which included Parker, Farid Javandel, Robert Lieber and Richard Cross — said they are in favor of the plan and against Prop. 68.

Candidate Alan Riffer said he opposes Prop. 68, but was the only candidate who didn't go on record supporting the CESP plan, a stance that did not appear to go over well with the assembled crowd and created moments of tension between him and CESP president Robert Cheasty.

Riffer said he agreed with Hancock's opinion that the

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CESP/Sierra Club plan is also partly subject to the whims of Magna, which owns the race-track. The CESP plan also would encroach on environmentally sensitive wetlands, Riffer said, which Cheasty disputed.

Riffer told Cheasty it wasn't fair to ask him whether he supported the CESP plan because he had been asked about his own vision for the waterfront.

Riffer instead years on the Albany Board and the park commission, that the first phase of Park improvements been completed.

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## Statute

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said by any councilmembers as to why they were revoking it," Magary said. "No reason about the why ... they kept saying the city attorney advised us not to say anything. What does that tell you? So they knew this was not legit."

The ordinance that repealed the transfer tax went into effect in August 2003. The city subsequently refunded nearly \$900,000 to residents who paid the tax back to August, 2002.

Residents who paid the tax and filed a claim for a refund within one year of buying or selling their homes were getting back thousands of dollars.

However, those outside the city's one-year statute of limitations were out of luck. Several residents, including Teese, publicly asked the council to reconsider the statute of limitations and issue refunds to residents who bought or sold homes back to 1998.

The council rebuffed Councilwoman Gina Brusatori's attempts to do that.

Utility user tax opponents say the council's handling of the transfer tax was fraudulent.

The council, they said, should have repealed the tax in June 2001, following a California

Supreme Court decision in the case Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association vs. the city of La Habra, that potentially made the tax illegal under 1986's Proposition 62.

Ethically, they say, refunds should be given to residents who bought or sold a home since 1998, given the city's three-year statute of limitations. However, the council repealed that three-year statute and made it just one year shortly after the 2001 Supreme Court decision.

That decision was made at the urging of then-city attorney Howard Stern and the city-lobbying organization the League of California Cities.

Magary compared the property tax fiasco to national corporate scandals and said it created distrust between residents and city government. If the council reestablished that trust by dealing honestly with the transfer tax, he said, there likely would be no opposition to the utility users tax.

"Why would I give money to any group, private or public, that has broken the public trust?" Magary asked. "It's like giving money to a scam artist that has ripped you off and they come back later and you give them another pile. If someone defrauded you, you don't reward them by giving them more money."

Documents since released by

the city show that the council, which included Brusatori, was informed of the court decision by the city attorney in 2001 but took no action.

Even if it had repealed the tax at the time, state law would have provided the city with a one-year statute of limitations, argued Karen Pinkos, the assistant to the city manager.

She defended the city in a lawsuit filed by resident Scott Haeger over the transfer tax refunds in a civil trial held in the Contra Costa County Superior Court small claims division last week. A decision in that case has not yet been made.

El Cerrito was one of many cities affected by the 2001 Supreme Court decision, which is just the latest in a series of state court decisions contemplating the legality of Proposition 62.

And like El Cerrito, not all cities acted immediately to repeal the tax.

"It's not a question of deception," said Councilman Mark Friedman. "The only thing we could have done is taken the tax off sooner than we did. But in terms of going back in perpetuity and refunding people, it's not financially feasible. Then we would have had to have raised a whole bunch of taxes instead of maintaining a moderate transfer tax."

— Alan Lopez

## Friedman

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Friedman apologized for the conflict created by his move and went along with the council's recommendations. Mayor Letitia Moore was absent.

"I will be glad to fill out my term if everyone feels it's in the best interest of the community," he said.

In other business, the council, acting as the city's redevelopment agency and public financing authority, unanimously approved an issuance of up to \$17 million in bonds the agency will pay back over 20 years.

How to spend redevelopment money has been a controversial issue in the city for the past decade. Millions in redevelopment money was used to lure Target to the city and more recently, the agency allocated more

than \$4 million to purchase and renovate the Cerrito Theater.

The agency will begin to determine how some of the new money will be spent over the coming months, said redevelopment manager Lori Trevino. The agency will have power of eminent domain for commercial properties until 2006.

Potter said she was a fan of redevelopment as it has generated affordable housing and mixed-use projects for the city.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori said she was more interested in beautifying San Pablo Avenue than in building housing.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson said it would be important to pick

good projects that the agency's goal of "blight" on San Pablo. In response to where and how redevelopment money has been used, said Scott Hanin, staff will issue a report on redevelopment projects the last four to five years.

"Terrific," Brusatori said. "It's the last 10 years this has been a divisive topic and do everything we can to make that in the future."

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## Looking back helps predict trends

Real estate market has changed dramatically in the past 30 years, expert says

By ALAN J. HEAVENS  
STAFF WRITER, BERKELEY VOICE

When he looks at 30 years' worth of home buyers, this is some of what he sees: In the 1970s, the average age of home buyers was 30 years, and the average income was \$10,000 a year. Now, the average age is 40 years, and the average income is \$30,000 a year.

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means 1.17 million single women purchased homes in 1999. In 1989, 606,000 single women acquired homes, representing only 13 percent of all home buyers, the group said.

Income for all wage earners has risen only 7 percent over 30 years, adjusted for inflation. For two-paycheck families, it has increased 50 percent over three decades.

At the same time, household size has declined for the last 30 years, "which continues a trend that began 50 and 60 years ago," Ahluwalia said. In the last 30 years, household size has dropped to 2.58 from 3.35, and "we should expect further declines."

Yet as family size has decreased almost 25 percent over 30 years, the size of new homes has increased about 50 percent, to slightly more than 2,300 square feet today from 1,500 square feet.

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Only 17 percent of the houses built 30 years ago were two stories. These days, it is more than 50 percent.

Two-story houses allow builders to incorporate the features being demanded by buyers as lot prices

skyrocket and the amount of buildable land declines.

More than half of new houses have 2 1/2 bathrooms. Almost every house has a fireplace, even upscale houses in Southern California, where they are "used only three days a year," Ahluwalia said. "But you can't sell a house without one."

About 86 percent of new houses have central air conditioning, compared with 33 percent 30 years ago. Ahluwalia does not expect the percentage to go much higher, because "there are still areas of the country where central air conditioning isn't needed."

Houses, of course, have become more expensive and have more features than ever, he said, thanks primarily to the added buying power of two paychecks.

In the last 23 years, average new-home prices have more than tripled, to \$240,000 in 2003 from \$72,400 in 1980. Existing-home prices have almost tripled, to \$214,000 in 2003 from \$72,800 in 1980.

Sales of new and existing houses have doubled in 20 years.

The number of first-time home buyers in the new-home market has both short-term and long-term effects on the entire residential housing market.

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Listing agent: Dee Knowland, Pacific Union, 510-338-1318.

## Reverse mortgage could mean extra cash for senior homeowners

BY GEORGE YESOWITCH  
FINANCIAL HERITAGE

Need more money? "Who doesn't," you ask. Most of you will agree that the more money you have the better you are to make choices in your life. Stop for a second and imagine what it would feel like to have an extra \$150,000-\$200,000 available to have your mortgage paid off with no future mortgage payments, ever. This is no dream nor is it a scam. This money could be readily available to you. Consider the reverse mortgage; a U.S. government program designed for senior homeowners that want or need money.

The HECM reverse mortgage money comes from the equity in your home. Already, the number of people taking advantage of this opportunity has grown enormously as more and more seniors become informed of the reverse mortgage program. During the ten years between 1989 and 1999 only \$1 billion in reverse mortgage loans was realized. That same amount was realized in the shorter three-year period from 1999 to 2002.

The number of reverse mortgage loans again jumped 39 percent in 2003. One major banking firm has forecasted a 20 percent annual growth rate between 2003 and 2015 which would realize \$23.7 billion in Reverse Mortgage

loans by the end of 2015. Clearly seniors have been and will be taking action as knowledge and information spreads.

Many seniors have paid off their mortgages and are living with less money rather than acquiring another mortgage because they don't want a monthly mortgage payment. By taking advantage of the government backed reverse mortgage program, seniors can significantly enhance their lives financially without a monthly mortgage payment. There is no pay back of the money until they leave the house. Reverse mortgages can be a fabulous opportunity for seniors to use the equity in their homes and eliminate any monthly mortgage payment.

Some people may choose not to use the reverse mortgage money immediately but decide to keep the money in their credit line. This is one of the available options of the reverse mortgage plan and may be particularly beneficial, depending on one's circumstances. Seniors leaving some or all of their money with the government in these accounts will have an insured account that they can access whenever it is needed.

Reverse mortgages are allowing seniors the opportunity to make the home that they have taken care of for so many years,

now take care of them. Instead of letting one of their greatest assets go to waste, they are making it work for them. Seniors are allowing the reverse mortgage to help them move forward to take advantage of the good things life has to offer.

This article is simply an introduction to Reverse Mortgages and does not cover all the information you will need to make the right decision. Also, it is not intended to offer financial, tax or legal advice. You may want to consult your tax and legal advisors for your specific situation.

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## So many houses, but only one

## ■ How do I decide which home to buy?

INMAN NEWS

Finding a home to buy is rarely easy. Some buyers look for months, even years, before finding the right house. When you do find the right house, a mixed bag of emotions can cloud your good judgment. You'll probably wonder if you're making the right decision.

Recently, one buyer who'd been looking for months decided that she was ready to buy. She was intent on making one of several new listings work for her and her family. When she previewed a new listing in her favorite neighborhood, she was sure she'd found the home she was going to buy.

The listing showed beautifully. It had been nicely renovated. It has the right number of bedrooms and baths. There was a family room and

a lovely yard. Then she visited another new listing that she also liked. In fact, she liked the living space better. While this house didn't have a remodeled kitchen and nice family room like the other house, it was bigger.

The yard wasn't as nice as the one at the first house and the school district wasn't as good. But, the house worked better for the life style of her growing family.

To complicate matters, her husband preferred a listing that was larger than either of the other two and it was located in the better neighborhood. However, it was on a busy street and it needed a lot of work.

**HOUSE HUNTING TIP:** Compromise is a necessary part of the home buying process. The perfect house doesn't exist, no matter what your price range. But before you give up on finding a home that has absolutely everything you want, re-

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examine your wish list. Most buyers shopping wish lists bark on their house. If you haven't should, especially difficulty deciding to buy.

After you've narrowed it down to three sections, is for those features you must have the items, such as the

See HYMER

## Trends

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"The percentages tend to fluctuate greatly," Ahluwalia said. For example, first-time buyers now make up 26 percent of the market. In 1988, at the end of the real estate boom of the mid-1980s, it was 32 percent.

In 1980, when interest rates were closing in on 18 percent, first-timers made up 48 percent of home buyers.

First-time buyers typically are found in the existing-home market, where prices tend to be lower. In addition, immigration is boosting the number of first-time buyers, and the majority of newcomers tend to live and buy in older cities where the housing stock is older.

Some statistics have surprised him, Ahluwalia said. For example, more than 90 percent of new houses are built on site in the traditional "stick-built" method.

"Modular and panelized construction has remained consistent, even though we assumed that during periods when there were labor shortages, there would be an increase in the share of factory-built houses," he said.

So what does Ahluwalia know about today that will affect the future?

At this year's International Builders Show, Ahluwalia talked about the results of the National Family Opinion survey done in

phases in 2000 for the National Association of Home Builders.

In the first phase, about 40,000 households were asked whether they had bought new homes during the last two years or planned to buy new homes during the next two years.

About 3,000 households that said they were planning to buy, or had bought, new homes were mailed the detailed survey. A total of 2,017 responses were received in that second phase.

The results showed preferences for:

Larger houses with lots of space, including large kitchens next to family rooms. Homeowners want the two rooms to be visually open, or divided with a half-wall.

Upscale features such as high ceilings and island work areas in the kitchen.

Houses with front porches, rear decks or patios, and exterior lighting.

Laundry rooms and dining rooms, which were considered essentials.

Some features that typical home buyers now want used to be optional and were standard only in upscale houses, Ahluwalia said. Today, the difference between average and upscale is that upscale houses

are larger, with larger

ment and materials. Some features have improved so consumers are generally, for example, though large kitchens, most see the kitchens as the expense of other

Among kitchen features, favor walk-in pantries, and lighter wood

Only one-third, however, say that come with enough

Although there are ations, especially in the part of the country buyers say they do separate living rooms

About 25 percent of buyers want a three even if they have one even if that would add to the price of a house

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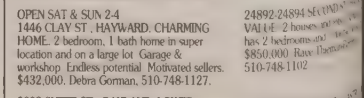
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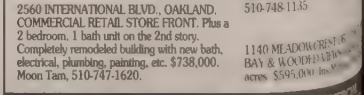
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# Based on the London Interbank: Taking a look at LIBORs

When financing my home I have been considering a London Interbank adjustable rate mortgage. I don't plan to stay in for more than 10 years.

LIBOR rates look out but there is one thing I understand: the interest rate on the six-month LIBOR is an index of 2.5 percent. It was 2 percent change when I remember what the rate was.

When would have been 10 years, then 15 years ago, I decided not to go with a variety of reasons. The question is this: With the index on the six-month rate, when my mortgage payment would change every six months, the lender said the rate would be 10 percent, but was 15 percent. I decided whether or how of payment would change the first 10 years. I paid out the LIBOR 10-year prime and when I saw that had run from the current 10 percent in the last 10 years, I decided the offer.

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When I was on a 5.75 percent fixed very soon. I have several friends in the area and money business; it seems to know much more new loans. The dates for your loan to the index used to be two separate. The six-month LIBOR (London Interbank Offer Rate) is the ultimate cost of a loan. Since it is a shorter-term rate, it will be (generally) lower than a similar but longer-term rate - say a U.S. Treasury Bond (other terms (spreads and

caps) are all terms that determine how much above the index your actual rate will be. Caps limit changes both periodically and over the life of the loan whereas spreads are a premium over the index to compensate for a longer-term and potentially more risky form of debt.

Many of these adjustable-rate mortgages do have a fixed term to start. For example, my own mortgage is fixed for seven years at 3 5/8 percent and then it can potentially adjust every year. It is limited to 125 basis points (1 1/4 percent), so if rates rise quickly, my maximum rate the first year it adjusts is only 4 7/8 percent. My loan's index is not linked to LIBOR, but to the U.S. fed funds rate.

Usually, ARMs will cost less early on and may continue to do so indefinitely. In my case, much like yours, I do not plan to have this mortgage when it would adjust (for me, six years from now). I will not see an interest rate other than 3 5/8 percent on this loan. It was much better than fixed rates of 4 3/8 percent because I will move before the loan adjusts.

Regardless, getting a home loan at a rate less than 6 percent is very good. Look back 15 years when people were trying to get rates under 9 percent! The difference in the amount you will pay is more with a fixed-rate loan (assuming you don't have to pay high origination fees or penalties for early repayment), however, the cost differential is probably very small and you have the comfort of knowing that your payment will not change over the entire term.

Q. We are currently planning on moving to a new house in the fall and intend to put up our current house for sale. Is it a good idea to try selling the house without hiring a Realtor and if so, what

are the procedures and steps to follow?

— Nathan Shankar

A. Many people would like to try to sell their own home without the use of a real estate selling agent because the perception is that the cost associated with paying a brokerage fee is quite high.

In reality, you need to consider both the cost and the potential benefit received from using a quality broker.

Many buyers recognize that when a home is being offered "For Sale By Owner - FSBO" the seller is not paying a fee so the seller has more room to negotiate a final price. Furthermore, a quality brokerage house will keep your sale on track so that when you are looking to move into your new home all your ducks are in a row for closing on the old home.

Given this information, if you



**TOM HAMILTON**  
Real Estate Q&A

decide to try to do it on your own, there may very well be a FSBO operation in the Norman, Okla., marketplace where you can obtain selling materials, blank disclosure statements and sales contracts and possibly even a listing arrangement on a regional multiple listing service. These operations do charge a fee, but usually less than the typical 5 percent to 7 percent that a brokerage firm will charge.

This also brings up a point to ponder. There is nothing that says you can't try to negotiate your selling fee with a brokerage house. By law (in most if not all states) your commission fee payment is to be negotiated between yourself and your agent.

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## Watson joins Better Homes

BETTER HOMES REALTY

Better Homes Realty recently announced that agent Tom Watson has joined its Montclair Village office in Oakland.

Watson graduated from Ohio State University with a business administration degree and a minor in marketing. He moved to the Bay Area from Atlanta, Georgia in 1998 to work for DFS Group, Ltd., a duty-free retailer with stores worldwide.

For six years he traveled as a buyer and inventory planner, visiting such places as Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Guam. After 10 years in the retail industry, Watson made the switch to a career in residential real estate.

"Whether you're a first time homebuyer, or a current home-



**TOM WATSON**

owner looking to make a change, you'll find Tom a positive, dedicated and professional in every way," said Better Homes broker Mark Attarah. "His years of retail experience have provided him with successful negotiating skills as well as excellent written/verbal communication skills."

Watson lives in Oakland's Rockridge district. He enjoys tennis, snow boarding and spending time with his two dogs.

## Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

### FOR THE PUBLIC

#### Asset Preservation

Is the capital gain tax preventing you from selling an investment property? Learn about the 1031 Exchange process. Attend "Preserve Your Assets" 7 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday Aug. 26. **Whitney Graham** of NCS Exchange Professionals is the instructor. The free seminar is held in Alameda and hosted by Team Real Estate. Call 510-865-4192 ext. 304.

#### Natural Charm

This year's Alameda Legacy Home Tour, "The Classic Craftsman Tour: Homes of Natural Charm" is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19. The walking tour takes you through quaint neighborhoods, as you visit cozy homes filled with antiques and eclectic collections. The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society hosts the event. Order tickets by calling 510-523-5907 or visit the Web site at [alameda-home-tour.org](http://alameda-home-tour.org).

#### Montclair Homes

Attend "How To Buy Your First Home In Oakland" in Oakland's Montclair district. This free seminar is 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at Montclair Better Homes on Mountain Boulevard. Get the information needed to have an edge over other buyers. Enjoy a light breakfast and prizes. RSVP to at 510-899-6327.

#### Relo Guides

The 2004 McCormack's Guides are available. These relocation/newcomer guidebooks are more than a directory. The books are loaded with information such as academic rankings for local public schools, SAT scores for local high schools, city profiles and directories of hospitals and private schools. Want to know where to go and what to do?

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#### Handy Classes

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at [bldgeductr.org](http://bldgeductr.org).

#### Build Equity

Join **Elisa Uribe** of Wells & Bennett and **Michael Ginsberg** of The Mortgage Practice for "Homeownership - It Is Possible!" Learn how to never write a rent check again. Join them at Café Rustica, on College Avenue, in Oakland, 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25. Hear about homeownership tax breaks and equity building. Register for this free class by calling (510) 485-7272.

### FORECLOSURES

Realtors. Learn the basics of Foreclosures and how First American Title's AgentFirst provides assistance. Get reports and help your clients. The class facilitator is **Michael Gwynn**. The class is 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25. Sign up by contacting your local FATC Marketing Representative.

### APPRECIATE AFFILIATES

Attention Berkeley Association of Realtors members. When was the last time you thought about building your real estate team? Come network with the people who put their time and efforts to work for you and your clients. Say thanks and have some fun at the Affiliate Appreciation Afternoon, today from 3 to 6 p.m. Contact the BAR office for information at 510-848-4288.

### PROBATE SALES

Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly, networking luncheon. The next luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25. The speaker is real estate Attorney **Verna Ross** talking about "Probate Sales." The luncheon is held at the BAR Auditorium. Reservations are a must. Contact the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288.

### GREAT AMERICA

The Bay East Association of Realtors is sponsoring the SF Bay Area Realtor Associations Picnic & Day at PGA, Aug. 28. All members from any association can participate in the Great America fun. Besides all the rides, and a meal, discounted tickets and parking are offered. Contact **Susan** at 925-730-4077.



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### MARCHING

The Oakland Association of Realtors hosts a Walk Around Lake Merritt, 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 18. Whether you march, jog or stroll, this Walk-Around will raise funds for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation.

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## HA presents Oakland walking tours

Explore Oakland on foot each weekend. Oakland Alliance announces the summer walking tours of 16 neighborhoods. See a variety of architectural styles and neighborhoods of significant cultural and historic living history.

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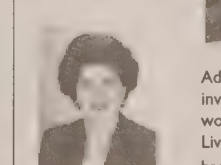
Structures by Frederick Julia Morgan, A.W. and C.M. MacGregor with elements from the "City of the Future" movement. Although a freeway incursion, it is a unique, tranquil setting with fine examples of California bungalows, Mission and Mediterranean style homes.

10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 22, "Rockridge Arts and Crafts", led by Jane Powell. Meet at the pillars on the corner of Broadway and Rockridge Boulevard.

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## Hamilton

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With these options, I would suggest moving quickly to get the house sold before the fall. If a typical house sells in 60-90 days, that puts you into mid-July. That too might influence your decision to sell through a traditional brokerage house. Again, you must balance the costs and benefits of trying to sell it yourself.

**Q.** Your recent column ... raised an issue that we are experiencing. We have lived in our home for almost 10 years. We put up a privacy fence when we moved in according to our property line. The empty lot behind our house was an eyesore and gave our children easy access to a busy street.

Recently, the lot has been cleared and the builder has begun a house. He informed us that our fence was on his property and needed to be moved. Is there a time limit on how long someone can keep up property and then have it taken back? A neighbor did an independent survey (they wanted to tie into our fence for the same reasons as above) and found we are indeed over the property line by about 6 feet!

I want to do the right thing, but I also want to keep our fence. We now have some large trees that would have to come down if we moved it. Also, since we have maintained the property for so long, don't we have some right to it?

— Pam Morrison

**A.** Tennessee law and/or local codes will determine your situation. There are differences from state to state that dictate how long your openly outward and continuous use of your neighbor's property is necessary to constitute adverse possession. In general, there are five basic requirements to claim title to another's land through adverse possession:

1. Possession must be held either under a claim of right or color of title.
2. Possession must be actual, open and notorious occupation of the property in such a manner as to constitute reasonable notice of that occupation to the record owner.
3. The occupation must be both exclusive and hostile to the title of the true owner.
4. Possession must be continuous and uninterrupted for at least (Tennessee's statutory requirement) years.
5. The occupier must pay all taxes assessed against the property during such five-year period.

Therefore, you may have a legal

remedy to your situation. I'd contact a real estate attorney to see if you meet the legal requirements necessary to claim adverse possession. Another option, if that fails, is to see if the new owner will grant you an easement or allow you to purchase that portion which you encroach upon their land.

**Q.** I have a 1.3-acre lake view lot at a resort in Anthonies Mills near Bourbon, Mo. I have had the property on the market with various agents on and off for the past seven years with no buyer's offer. The property is valued at \$12,000, and I had it listed for \$6,000. I even checked with an auctioneer to possibly auction it off, but he said it wasn't worth it for him.

How can I rid myself of this albatross? I am moving from this area and do not want to keep paying the assessment fees and taxes.

— C. Scaturro

**A.** If the property has a value of \$12,000 then it should sell for nearly that amount. If it doesn't sell for \$6,000 over a reasonable marketing period, then it is worth something less than \$6,000. As you call this parcel an "albatross," maybe an alternative to selling might be worthwhile.

If you can obtain a reasonable appraisal on the property (probably will cost you about \$350), and if you can find a not-for-profit organization that could use it (say, a church retreat or Scout camp or other beneficial use), then you might be able to donate the property and use the established value as a tax-deductible contribution. That way you are off the hook for assessments and taxes and someone needy could get a parcel that they otherwise could not afford.

There may be other options, but this is what I would pursue at this point.

**Q.** My husband and I owe \$36,000 on our home, which is worth about \$450,000 at the moment. We have put \$10,000 to secure a condominium purchase in Tybee Island, Ga. We need help figuring out the best/cheapest way to finance the condo. The price of the condo is \$340,000.

We would like to pay off our home (somehow) and have only one mortgage between the condo and our home. We plan to rent the condo so hopefully it will pay for itself. That is the ultimate goal. Should we refinance, etc? What is the best way to purchase the condo with the least amount of cash outlay on our part?

— S. Preuss

**A.** My reading of your situation is this. You'd like to have loan

payment obligations on only the condo property, and you'd hope that the rental activity from the condo is sufficient to cover its operating costs, including the mortgage. That way, you'd own your California home free and clear.

First, the \$10,000 with which you've secured the condo can either be used toward your condo down payment or it can be used to buy down your California home's mortgage loan. Either way, that is money to consider in answering your problem.

Secondly, the required down payment on the condo will dictate the final result. For example, if you can get a loan on the condo for 85 percent of its value (\$289,000), you'll need a down payment of \$51,000. (As a comparison, for a loan at 80 percent you'll need \$68,000, and for a loan at 89 percent you'll need \$37,400.)

I use these percentages to eliminate the need for private mortgage insurance (PMI). Depending on your situation and lender, you could go possibly as high as 89 percent or as low as 80 percent and get rid of the PMI.

So, as you can see, your net outlay on this new condo (ignoring other closing costs) will be somewhere between \$27,400 and \$41,000 (with \$10,000 coming from your security deposit). To those numbers, you can add the existing mortgage from your California home, \$36,000, to see that you would need somewhere between \$63,400 and \$77,000 to accomplish your goal of being debt-free on your California home.

Of course, you could always try to go with less of a down payment on the condo in Georgia with any savings going directly to buy down the California mortgage, but you might incur PMI costs. That would be your decision to make.

**Q.** I am a first-time homebuyer with a conventional loan from CalHfa. I have never been late with my payments and have been making payments since March 2003. I purchased my home for \$238,000 and it is probably worth at least \$300,000, if not more. I contacted my lender to try and remove private mortgage insurance and they said it couldn't be removed until I make 24 consecutive on-time payments. Is this true?

— Brenda Matamoros

**A.** Typically once a loan goes below 80 percent of the secured property's market value, PMI is no longer necessary. However, depending on the mortgage documentation (which is basically your loan contract, or covenant) that you signed, a stipulation requiring 24 consecutive on-time payments may be an additional consideration to remove the PMI requirement. That may be a specific requirement from CalHfa.

Also, given the price volatility of the California housing market (as evidenced by your property increasing in value by more than 20 percent in about one year's time), the 24-month interval may be necessary to mitigate both the lender's risk and CalHfa's risk in such a fluctuating housing market.

Therefore, as always, the written terms of your agreement will dictate what can be done by all parties. Read your loan documentation to see what specific terms must be met to remove your PMI. If there is nothing in that documentation requiring the 24 consecutive months, then bring that to your lender's attention so that they can remove the PMI.

**Q.** I have some property that I want to put into the names of my children. Can I do this or do I have to go through an estate attorney?

— Orene Carter

**A.** Anytime you are going to transfer property rights (ownership) to other individuals, I always believe that one should have an attorney at least review the transfer documents. In the case of estate planning, an attorney is needed to ensure that all the proper procedures are followed to allow your intent to be successfully completed.

There are many rules and laws surrounding what and when property is transferred, and an estate attorney is your best option at this time. It will cost you some money now, but it will most likely be less expensive than the alternative outcome to your children later.

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## Hymer

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rooms and baths. The second are those features that you'd like to have, but that you can live without if necessary. For example, you might like to have a view, but you'd take a home without a view as long as it had a good yard. Lastly, list the items that you absolutely don't want, like a home that's up a lot of stairs or too close to a freeway. If you're short on time, a home that needs a lot of work might be on your no list.

Some buyers find it useful to create a grid on a sheet of paper, or on the computer. Across the top of the grid, create a column for the each item on your wish list. Group the columns according to the three categories: must have, want to have, don't want.

Then create rows for each home you want to fill in the grid with how close each home is to your ideal.

It's easy to see when you're looking particularly if they're staged for sale. When you look at a home, it looks good, it looks like a home, it feels like a home, it gives you a good feeling that you want to buy it.

**THE CLOSING** Important to take time to analyze how you will work for you. You make an offer.

Dian Hymer can be reached at 510-339-4777 or [Dian@DianHymer.com](mailto:Dian@DianHymer.com).

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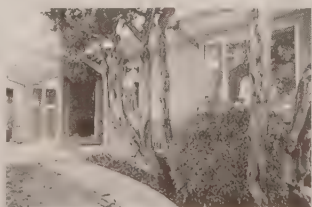
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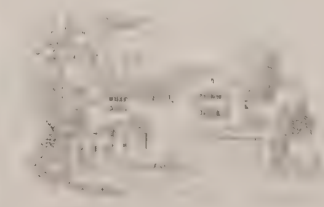
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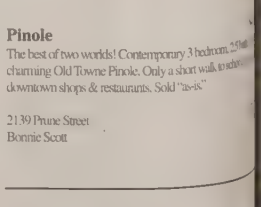
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# From the Bay Area to the Back Bay

unique hotels in the Bay and Boston

the four parts of the small segment of my series on unique hotels, I will take a case study of a very interesting example of this genre that recently opened in Boston's Back Bay. Mark Hagopian, a developer and hotel owner, was one of the first to open a boutique hotel in Boston's high-rent district.

The Charlesmark Hotel is located at 655 Boylston St. across the street from the Old South Church of the Boston Public Library.

At the time the building was built, it was a private residence. In the 1920s, the interior was converted into shops and small businesses, with a women's gown shop on the first two floors. Mark Hagopian purchased the building in late 2000, with a vision of converting it into a European style boutique hotel. He was the ideal entrepreneur to carry out such a project.

Boston architect Henry Richardson designed the Charlesmark Hotel as a six-story private residence. In 1920, the interior was converted into shops and small businesses, with a women's gown shop on the first two floors. Mark Hagopian purchased the building in late 2000, with a vision of converting it into a European style boutique hotel. He was the ideal entrepreneur to carry out such a project.

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Several buildings have been renovated and now house offices, galleries and eateries. This tour starts at 827 Huntington Street and will be offered Sept. 22 and Oct. 23. **City Center**—Explore the upbeat atmosphere of the modern City Center and find that there is a lot more to the city than meets the eye. This tour starts in front

project. In 1990, he and his father had designed and opened the Newbury Guest House, an English style bed and breakfast with 15 rooms located on Newbury Street, a chic shopping street in the heart of Boston's Back Bay. With that success under his belt, Hagopian then helped with the concept, and became the director of development for, XV Beacon, a 55-room luxury hotel located at Number 15 Beacon St., which opened in 1996. Next, he helped conceive and opened the Harbor-side Inn on Boston's waterfront in 1998.

With the Charlesmark project, Hagopian's aim was, as he described it, to create "an aesthetic



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A renowned local designer, Dennis Duffy, did the design details for the 33 rooms at the Charlesmark. These rooms have custom made modern furniture, imported Italian tile, elegant European light fixtures, and light toned woodwork. The walls of the rooms are painted light gray tones, the leather reading chairs

and pull-out sofa beds are red, the custom made entertainment centers are made of oak, and each have a pullout writing surface and storage cabinets.

juxtaposition between the charm of an old building, and modern convenience and efficiency." The entire project, from concept to opening, took 13 months to complete. Hagopian had to go before the Zoning Board of Appeal, the Back Bay Neighborhood Association, and the Boston Architectural Committee.

Finally, he had to get the support of the local city council member and the mayor of Boston to get approval for going ahead with the project.

of Oakland City Hall at Frank Ogawa Plaza and will be Sept. 11 and Oct. 6.

**Uptown to the Lake**—Art Deco landmarks are the focus of this tour, including a look at the Paramount Theatre, the soon to be restored Fox Oakland Theatre, and the Kaiser Center's "secret" rooftop garden. This tour starts in front of the Paramount Theater at 2025 Broadway and will be offered Sept. 8 and Oct. 9.

**Preservation Park**—View the fine details of Victorian architecture—formerly 16 19th century homes,

Throughout the Charlesmark Hotel, on every wall are original paintings, prints, engravings, or photographs by local Bostonian artists. Each floor is dedicated to a different artist.

On occasion, the hotel hosts artist reception parties, combined with wine tastings, to which both the general public and hotel guests are invited. In the hotel lobby, where a continental breakfast is served and coffee is available 24 hours, there is a large, 19th century clock with hand painted num-

now restored as an office and meeting room complex in a lovely landscaped park. This tour starts at 13th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way and will be offered Sept. 1, Oct. 2 and Oct. 27.

**Oakland Chinatown**—Tour this multi-ethnic downtown district packed with shops, restaurants and cultural institutions to learn about the contributions made by Chinese and other Asian immigrants to California's history. Start at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza at 388 Ninth Street and will be offered Sept. 18 and Oct. 13.



**SPANNING THE CENTURIES:** The lobby in the Charles Mark Hotel in Boston's Back Bay has a 19th century French clock as well as Internet and VCR hookup.

bers, which the designer brought back from a village in the South of France.

The room rates at the Charlesmark Hotel are quite reasonably priced by Boston standards. A large room with a queen-sized bed goes from \$155 to \$300 per night, and a double room goes

from \$135 to \$275 per night. Mr. Hagopian just acquired the lease on the first floor of the building, and he plans to put in a cafe and four more guest rooms within the next six months.

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# Home bathrooms are becoming sanctuaries for body and

BY CINDY HOEDEL  
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American bath culture is changing. We used to crave jetted tubs and pulsating showers that blasted our bodies like waves pounding the shore. Baths and showers were invigorating, exhilarating, energizing. They left us whistling Zipity Do Da and bouncing around like the guy in the Irish Spring commercial.

But these days, we're over vigor. We want to be soothed.

The up-to-date master bath — where the cool stuff goes — is becoming a spa-like sanctuary. You can warm your bones in a steam shower, submerge yourself in a deep soaking tub or linger under a gentle rain shower.

Hold the Zest, and light a tranquility candle.

Bob and Marida Cutler's new 600-square-foot master bath is remarkable for what it doesn't have: a whirlpool.

"I knew we wouldn't use it," Marida says. There is a tub — an oversized custom-built stone basin with integrated seats but no jets. There is also a combination water/steam shower and a wooden bench in a glassed-walled alcove that overlooks the Leawood, Kan., couple's backyard pool.

Leslie Huffaker of Maysville, Mo., found the tub of her dreams on the Internet — the Kohler sok, an overflowing air bath with chromatherapy. The water appears to change color as underwater LED light ports move gradually through a progression of eight colors. By pushing a button, the bather can stop on a desired hue.

When she saw images of the sok, Huffaker says, "That was it. I knew I had to have that tub." Even at the suggested retail price of \$7,143, the indulgence is worth it. Huffaker says: "I think color really

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influences your mood."

With or without chromatherapy, air tubs are fast replacing whirlpools as the apple of the trendy bather's eye. Their advantages are many, say bath designers.

For one thing, air jets don't blast specific points of your body like water jets. Instead, they create loads of tiny bubbles. "It's an all-over experience," says Julie Sambo, showroom consultant at Ferguson Bath & Kitchen Gallery in Lenexa, Kan.

Air tubs are quieter than whirlpools, too. Sambo says water jet tubs can get pretty loud: "That can be annoying to people." Overflow tubs, such as the Kohler sok, use splashing water to create a relaxing sound.

Best of all, aromatherapy fans can use bath oils and bath salts in an air tub. Bubble bath and the like are a no-no in whirlpools: Water jets can become clogged or collect residues that harbor bacteria.

Despite the rising popularity of air baths and plain old soaker tubs, statistics show Americans still overwhelmingly prefer showering to bathing. But today's power shower is a gentle downpour from a ceiling-mounted rain head. The round flat fixtures, also known as sunflower or pan shower heads, range from 6 to a whopping 18 inches. And size does matter — the widest models provide complete coverage, says designer Eric

Negrete of Helix, so "you don't have to wriggle" to get your whole body wet.

Customers at Expo Design Center in Lenexa are also interested in free-standing shower columns by Pharo, says design supervisor Anastasia Blackwood. Angled body sprays and a hand-held shower head, some of which light up, are mounted on a pole that can be positioned away from the wall. This gives the walls a clean look and "adds a focal point" to the bath, Blackwood says.

But perhaps the biggest news in the home bath-cum-spa is steam. Sales of steam showers have risen steadily in the last two years, showroom consultants say.

A steam shower looks a lot like a water shower, except that the glass enclosure extends to the ceiling. Also the door has to be sealed; some trendy frameless models won't hold the steam in.

The thing Bob Cutler enjoys most about his new steam shower, he says, is the instant warm-up it provides "after you've been jogging or working outside on a cold day."

Most steam showers are purchased for new or remodeled baths. Prices range from \$3,000 to \$6,000. It's possible to retrofit an existing bath with steam. Free-standing units start around \$1,500, Blackwood says.



**BOB AND MARIDA CUTLER'S** spa-like master bath at their home in Leawood, Kan., has a combination steam/water shower and roomy custom soaker tub with built-in seats. Home bathrooms are becoming sanctuaries.

In decor, warm wood is replacing industrial chrome. Teak vanities, stepping stools and floor mats are the accessories du jour. Negrete just installed a teak vanity in a remodeled bathroom for a client in Kansas City, Mo. The warmth of the wood, he says, combined with the coolness of stone in the shower area creates a "great balance — very Zen-like."

The Asian look that has been so hot in home furnishings is making its way into the bath, no doubt. Even World Market carries a line of Zen-lock bath acces-

sories such as towel holders and mirrors.

Negrete, who regularly travels to the coasts where trends begin, predicts Japanese soaking tubs will be making a splash soon. They are shorter, but deeper, than Western tubs and often have a built-in seat but no jets.

Continuing reluctance to travel on the part of Negrete's clients is driving the spa trend, he thinks. "People aren't traveling to the European spas they're accustomed to, so they're bringing (the experience) home," he says.

Other times inspiration comes

from a favorite hotel, you how many clients I want my bathroom the one I had at the sons (hotel) in Hawaii says

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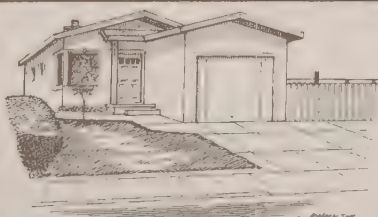
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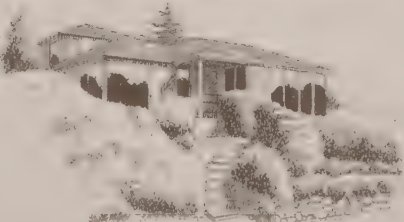
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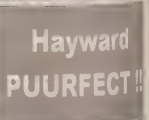
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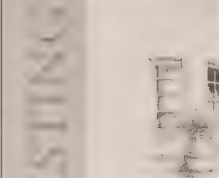
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**A.** The phrase "stake it out" is new to me but I think I know what they are referring to. The lateral and/or scaffolding branches of the weeping blue atlas cedars need to be supported; otherwise, they, as you've found, drag on the ground. Instead of the standard stake, you can be creative in the selection of the supports or braces. I'd consider using masonry material that complement or duplicates the architecture of the waterfall. Railroad ties cut at random heights are effective.

The most subjective part of this is the heights of the supports. With the help of a partner, manually position the laterals at different point to evaluate which position is the most visibly pleasing. There could be several viewing points so you choose the one that best complements all the locations.

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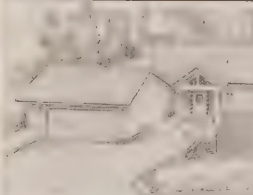
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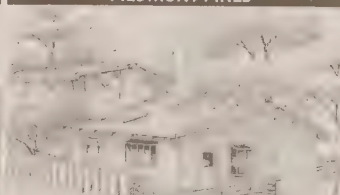
**7955 SKYLINE BLVD** \$1,499,000  
New, sharp, inviting, contemporary nestled on over 1/2 acre. Delightful detailing enhances 3600+ sq. ft. of quality construction. Light filled room, amazing hand-cut stone, magnificent maple floors, 3+BD/3 BA Peaceful and Private.  
Anida Weyl  
(510) 339-8900

### BERKELEY



**1306 3RD** \$1,300,000  
Fabulous warehouse space plus 3 legal live/work lofts, plus additional studio rental. Formerly the TRAX Gallery, located along side Southern Pacific railroad tracks. Must see this unique open, light, airy space—the ultimate in "urban" living!  
Miriam Wilson  
(510) 339-8900

### PIEDMONT PINES



**6595 LONGWALK DR.** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$765,000  
Newly remodeled with extra large eat-in kitchen, chic decor, so spacious! Private outlook to serene view. 4 BR / 2 BA. Formal dining, family room, hobby room, 2 fireplaces. Fenced garden too!  
Sheila Brox Crawford  
(510) 339-8900

### MONTCLAIR



**6812 SARONI DRIVE** OPEN SUN 1-3:45:30PM \$765,000  
New Listing. Dramatic 4 BR / 2 BA contemporary. Hardwood + tile. Gas kit. Dining area. Tranquil master suite. Fireplace. Attached garage. 4 miles to downtown.  
Hal Castle  
(510) 339-8900

### BERKELEY



**5550 OAKES** \$550,000  
Faded beauty seeks new owner: 3+ BR / 2 BA. 1895 On. Anne style with big, level yard, good light, nice floors and newer roof and foundation needs some TLC to return to her former self.  
Anida Weyl  
(510) 339-8900

### SAN LEANDRO



**3216 COURTLAND AVE.** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$539,000  
What a surprise! This 3 BR / 1 BA home is absolutely gorgeous! High ceilings, open airy floorplan. Terrific outdoor patio. Huge lot. Designer kitchen. Laundry room. Garage. Great details everywhere.  
Andrea Gordon  
(510) 339-8900

### MAXWELL PARK



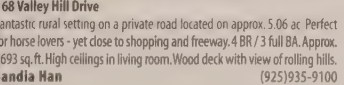
**6374 SUNNYMERE** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$479,000  
Adorable Missmont home with low-level charm. 3 BR / 1 remodeled BA. Remodeled kitchen. Detached garage with laundry and small space for a car.  
Victor Fierro  
(510) 339-8900

### MILL SMONT



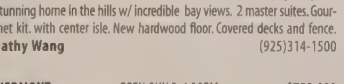
**2830 MORGAN AVE.** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$479,000  
Cute bungalow in fantastic neighborhood! Master bedroom with walk-in closet, inviting outdoor spaces, detached garage.  
Jody Dworak  
(510) 339-8900

### MORAGA



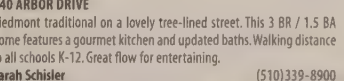
**168 VALLEY HILL DRIVE** OPEN SUN 1-4:00PM \$1,495,000  
Fantastic rural setting on a private road located on approx. 5.06 ac. Perfect for horse lovers - yet close to shopping and freeway. 4 BR / 3 full BA. Approx. 2693 sq. ft. High ceilings in living room. Wood deck with view of rolling hills.  
Sandia Han  
(925) 935-9100

### BERKELEY



**140 ARBOR DRIVE** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$799,000  
Stunning home in the hills w/ incredible bay views. 2 master suites. Gourmet kit. with center isle. New hardwood floor. Covered decks and fence.  
Kathy Wang  
(925) 314-1500

### PIEDMONT



**140 ARBOR DRIVE** OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM \$799,000  
Piedmont traditional on a lovely tree-lined street. This 3 BR / 1.5 BA home features a gourmet kitchen and updated baths. Walking distance to all schools K-12. Great flow for entertaining.  
Sarah Schisler  
(510) 339-8900

### Distinguished Home of the Week - MONTCLAIR



**19 Villanova Lane**  
OPEN SUN 2-4:30PM

Panoramic Bay, Bridges and SF views from most rooms. Dramatic, airy, living room and formal dining. Eat-in kitchen opens to a private courtyard. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Family room, 2 fireplaces. 2-car garage.

**Helen Nicholas & Dione Cota**  
(510) 339-8900

**\$899,000**

### DANVILLE

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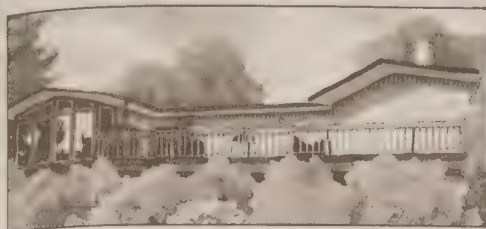
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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide on page B16.

### 25 Vista Del Mar, Orinda

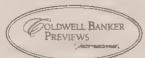


Located in prestigious Orinda Country Club area, this beautiful 5 BR, 5 full & 2 half BTH gated contemporary home is sheltered by huge mature oaks on its .69-ac lot. Magnificent views can be enjoyed from every room. This light, bright home has an eat-in kit, fam rm w/frpl, form dr, huge lux master suite with walk-in closet, central courtyard with swim pool and private au pair-in-law qtrs below.

www.discriminatinghomes.com

**Jerilynn Babington**  
925-253-4601  
510-547-1615

**\$1,528,000**  
Call to preview



### Montclair, 5748 Colton Blvd.

Lovely home with Santa Fe flair. 3 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms, au-pair w/ separate entrance. Level Terraced yard. Updated throughout. Privacy, light, bright and a great floor plan!

Offered at \$729,000

Available September 12th

**Judy Ackerman**  
510-339-4749 Direct line  
judyorita@yahoo.com



### NEW LISTING

#### CUSTOM MONTCLAIR HOME



### 2770 Argyle, Oakland

Serene custom home in Oakland Hills. Minutes to Montclair village. Exotic hardwood cabinetry throughout. Beautiful kitchen with granite countertops. 3BD/3BA. Possible Au-pair. Office. Hawaiian Koa deck. Privacy and much more!

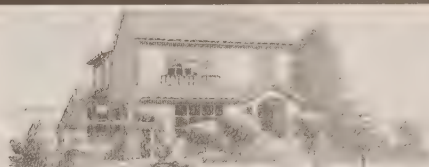
Offered at \$785,000

**Julie Joyce**  
510-339-4725



**Terry Anthony**  
510-339-4758

### ALAMEDA DUPLEX



OPEN  
SAT & SUN  
2-5 PM

### 1337 Broadway, Alameda

Live in one and rent the other! Spacious duplex with Full basement. Owner's unit has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room with fireplace & large updated kitchen. The upstairs has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and a spacious eat-in kitchen. High ceilings & period details. Beautifully landscaped garden with fruit trees!

Offered at \$749,000

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**Bonnie Ross**  
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### BY APPOINTMENT

**Orkeley** \$7,250,000  
4.5 BA Spring Mansion. This estate is listed on the California Historical Registry. The estate includes a house w/ 3BR/3BA, 2 guest rooms & tennis court.  
Barbara Marienthal  
510.486.1495



**Orkeley** \$5,785,000  
4.5 BA spectacular French chateau. Beautifully restored, bay view & masterpiece.  
Barbara Marienthal  
510.339.4700



**Orkeley Hills** \$1,299,000  
3.5 BA Spectacular 3-yr-old Mediterranean-style home. Great location. Outdoor kit. & gazebo. A must see!  
Barbara Marienthal  
510.339.4700

**Orkeley Richmond District** \$1,100,000  
3 BR art deco duplex, both units w/ full BA with formal dining room & fireplace.  
Barbara Marienthal  
510.339.4700

**Orkeley** \$415,000  
2 BR 2 BA Spac Elmwood Condo. Walking dist to UC, transportation & shopping. Sec Mark Twain bldg on lot w/ frpl, balc, comm. laundry.  
Barbara Marienthal  
510.486.1495

**Orkeley** \$410,000  
2 BR 2 BA Great cul de sac loc! Well kept, light-filled home on lrg corner lot. Features master suite, open flr kitchen, hwd flrs, 2 car gar and Indscpd yard.  
Barbara Marienthal  
510.486.1495

### BY APPOINTMENT



**Upper Rockridge** \$1,395,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA Classic Normandy, fabulous bay views, large backyard, Old World charm & modern amenities, rec room, custom kitchen, den, plus rooms.  
Dian Hymer  
510.339.4700

**Redwood Heights** \$729,000  
4 BR 2.5 BA Enjoy the sweeping bridge and Bay view from this lovingly maintained 2 stories with its huge yard and big rumpus room.  
Terry Kulka  
510.339.4700

**Montclair** \$699,000  
2 BR 2 BA Tradit. w/ conv. acces to Village & trails. Great open flr plan. Updated kitchen & baths.  
Barbara Hardacre  
510.339.4700

**Millsmont Duplex** \$450,000  
Charming duplex with hardwood floors, built-ins, fireplaces, garages, and fenced backyard! Convenient location near Mills College.  
Jeffrey Neideman  
510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES



**Alameda** \$749,000  
1337 Broadway, Unit 2 Sun 2 - 5  
Like two houses in one! 3/2 & 3/1. Lg kitchens, high ceilings, period details & grt yard!  
Bonnie Ross  
510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES



**Alameda** \$499,000  
1830 Pearl St. Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Spacious 2/1 Fernside Bungalow on lg. corner lot. Hardwood floors, built-ins & updated kit.  
Preston Grant  
510.339.4700



**Berkeley** \$1,650,000  
1020 Keeler Sun 2 - 4:30  
6 BR 5.5 BA "Beaux-Arts" gem in magic garden w/fountains, greensward, gazebo & cottage.  
5BR/5BA + apt.  
Jeanne McHugh  
510.486.1495

**Berkeley** \$495,000  
1906 Chestnut St. Sun 2 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA Major renovation-totally wired! Large detached office, formal DR, cozy frpl, landscaping.  
Bobbie Giarratana  
510.486.1495

**Berkeley** \$379,000  
2 Panoramic Way, #103 Sun 2 - 4  
2 BR 1 BA Stylish condo nr Cal. Ikea kit, Pergo flrs, updt ba. Pvt patio, secure parking.  
Diana Kay  
510.486.1495



**Claremont** \$1,540,000  
49 Vicente Pl Sun 2 - 4:30  
5 BR 4.5 BA Mediterranean Villa. Great location! Bay views! 2 yrs. new formal LR/DR, Fam rm.  
Peter Nicolopoulos  
510.339.4700



### OPEN HOUSES

**Oakland Hills** \$1,075,000  
4700 Shetland Sun 2 - 4:30  
4 BR 4.5 BA New construction. contemp. design, top of the line finishes. Great flr pln, gourmet kit.  
Jeff Thomas  
510.339.4700



**Montclair** \$785,000  
2770 Argyle Sat/Sun 1 - 5  
3 BR 3 BA Custom! High end finishes, custom cabinetry, hwd floor possible au-pair unit downstairs.  
Julie Joyce & Terry Anthony  
510.339.4700

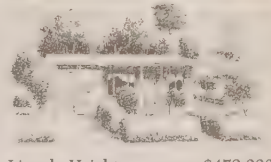


**Rockridge** \$720,000  
150 Florence Ave. Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 2 BA Delightful mid-century w/n Bay vu, all level living. Hwd flrs, frpl, lengthy rear patio.  
Nancy Dickey  
510.339.4700



**Oakland** \$569,000  
432 Lester Avenue Sun 2 - 5  
3+BR, 2BA Charm nr Lake Merritt. Lrg bckyard, fruit trees, deck, hot tub. Flexible flrpln.  
Karyn Miller  
510.339.4700

### OPEN HOUSES



**Lincoln Heights** \$479,000  
4192 Maple Ave. Sun 2 - 5  
2 BR 1 BA Cottage w/bay & wooded views. 1 lvl, open flr pln, hwd fls, frpl, fenced yd, gar. It is Wonderful!  
Rachel Baller  
510.339.4700

**Oakland** \$190,000  
848 E. 15th St. Unit B Sun 2 - 4  
1 BR 1 BA This unit features a remodeled kitchen and hwd flrs. Must see!  
Casey Asche  
510.486.1495

**Marina Bay, Richmond** \$554,900  
72 Seagull Drive Sun 2 - 4:30  
3 BR 2.5 BA Loft, new paint, frpl, Nr Bart & shops. Gated comm. w/pool. 2-car gar. Next to Bay/Marina.  
Gregg Lustig  
510.486.1495

### LOTS

**Montclair** \$399,000  
Bay view homesite. Rare lvl-dnslp. on sought-after Jewel Ct. Montclair's new development!  
Peter Nicolopoulos  
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1495 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

6137 La Salle Avenue, Oakland



## WEEKLY SALES

## ALAMEDA

1826 Alameda A - \$820,000  
2063 Buena Vista - \$490,000  
404 Camden Rd - \$625,500  
3269 Cape Cod Ct - \$440,000  
357 Centre Ct - \$540,000  
1401 Cottage St B - \$389,000  
556 Creedon Cr - \$1,225,000  
271 Ennismore Ct - \$580,000  
3324 Fontana Dr - \$625,000  
1122 Fontana Dr - \$479,000  
2975 Gibbons Dr - \$825,000  
1081 Holly St - \$783,500  
1614 Lea Ct - \$399,000  
904 Lincoln Av - \$500,000  
3043 Linda Vista - \$521,000  
1108 Marianas Ln - \$495,000  
2419 Marti Rae Ct - \$374,500  
32 Miranda Ct - \$886,000  
1730 Moreland - \$710,000  
172 Orr Rd - \$615,000  
1254 Park Av - \$675,000  
1217 Paru St - \$810,000  
2422 Roosevelt Dr - \$610,000  
130 Roxburg Ln - \$730,000  
2263 San Jose Av - \$542,500  
327 Santa Clara - \$665,000  
3341 Solomon Ln - \$567,000  
408 Tideway Dr - \$720,000  
1031 Via Bonita - \$530,000  
1333 Webster A309 - \$222,500

## ALBANY

834 Cornell Av - \$510,000  
1453 Marin Av - \$650,000  
535 Pierce 311 - \$460,000  
819 Talbot Av - \$800,000  
919 Taylor St - \$530,000

## BERKELEY

2433 Bonar St - \$541,000  
1225 Cedar St - \$475,000  
1115 Chaucer St - \$549,000  
18 Del Mar Av - \$606,000  
746 Ensenada Av - \$900,000  
693 Hilldale Av - \$836,000  
2538 Hillegass Av - \$735,000  
1209 Hopkins St - \$470,000  
1208 Kains Av - \$490,000  
1028 Keeler Av - \$999,000  
2514 Mabel St - \$508,000  
834 Mendocino - \$1,625,000  
2801 Piedmont - \$1,450,000  
190 Poplar St - \$940,000  
2535 Ridge Rd A - \$322,000  
643 Santa Rosa - \$750,000  
1608 Scenic Av - \$761,000  
1843 Sonoma Av - \$930,000  
1095 Sterling Av - \$565,000  
57 Tunnel Rd - \$787,000  
464 Vassar Av - \$747,000  
561 Vistamont Av - \$792,000

## EL CERRITO

324 Ashbury Av - \$554,000  
2007 Carquinez - \$566,000  
7017 Cutting Bl - \$591,000  
5230 Ernest Av - \$501,000  
1014 King Dr - \$675,000  
745 Pomona Av - \$665,000  
305 Victoria St - \$690,000

## EL SOBRANTE

1045 Balmore Ct - \$1,500,000  
4300 Jana Vista Rd - \$415,000  
4315 Jana Vista Rd - \$379,000  
11 Rachill Ln - \$550,000  
676 Renfrew Rd - \$425,000  
5306 Ridgeview D4 - \$168,000  
4182 SP Dam Rd A - \$280,000  
4186 SP Dam Rd A - \$217,000  
5029 SP Dam Rd C - \$245,000

## EMERYVILLE

1200 65th St 104 - \$486,500  
8 Captain Dr E254 - \$250,000

## OAKLAND

1612 100th Av - \$270,000  
1244 106th Av - \$205,000  
2738 106th Av - \$309,000  
655 12th 408 - \$395,000  
3111 22nd Av - \$430,000  
2026 26th Av - \$449,000  
2759 26th Av - \$400,000  
2621 35th Av - \$370,000  
1711 37th Av - \$255,000  
2031 39th Av - \$360,000  
1831 40th Av - \$389,500  
741 43rd St - \$397,000  
835 46th St - \$455,000  
831 53rd Av - \$358,000  
1017 53rd St - \$457,500  
924 55th St - \$300,000  
637 56th St - \$500,000  
1105 58th Av - \$335,000  
1509 5th St - \$450,000  
405 60th St - \$615,000  
2215 62nd Av - \$268,000  
438 62nd St - \$760,000  
1055 67th St - \$384,000  
2419 68th Av - \$325,000  
963 72nd Av - \$192,000  
1301 81st Av - \$255,000  
1736 81st Av - \$479,000  
1445 86th Av - \$94,000  
1610 87th Av - \$299,000  
1025 90th Av - \$441,000  
1346 94th Av - \$250,000  
1312 97th Av - \$254,000  
1937 98th Av - \$365,000  
409 98th Av - \$335,000  
1434 9th Av - \$416,000  
2842 Abbey - \$420,000  
6295 Acacia - \$1,350,000  
10928 Acalanes - \$315,000  
763 Alcatraz Av - \$325,000  
930 Arlington Av - \$476,000  
941 Arlington Av - \$465,000  
25 Ascot Ct - \$903,000  
1628 Auseon Av - \$304,000  
8312 B St - \$252,500  
9221 B St - \$319,000  
5715 Balmoral - \$868,000  
1261 Bates Rd - \$475,000  
4650 Belfast Av - \$485,000  
565 Bellevue 2606 - \$737,000  
8236 Birch St - \$325,000  
3131 Boston Av - \$337,000

4350 Bridgeview - \$1,000,000  
6231 Broadway Tr - \$590,000  
220 Caldecott 112 - \$331,000  
3521 California St - \$450,000  
143 Calvert Ct - \$1,150,000  
760 Canyon Oaks F - \$403,000  
35 Cary Ct - \$315,000  
1016 Castro St - \$503,000  
5785 Chelton Dr - \$850,000  
2374 Church St - \$200,000  
81 Clarewood Ln - \$627,500  
3872 Coolidge Av - \$519,000  
3908 Coolidge Av - \$489,000  
10526 Creekside - \$332,000  
10599 Creekside - \$376,000  
460 Crescent St - \$202,500  
5147 Crockett Pl - \$729,000  
3050 Curran Av - \$365,000  
2202 Damuth St 3 - \$360,000  
5207 Desmond St - \$715,000  
6363 Doran Dr - \$675,000  
5908 Dover St - \$600,000  
5607 East 17th St - \$300,000  
1109 East 20th St - \$265,000  
901 East 21st St - \$369,000  
1444 East 32nd St - \$205,000  
5615 Edgerly St - \$295,000  
4350 Edgewood - \$667,000  
1039 Elsinore Av - \$829,500  
9321 Empire Rd - \$280,000  
3848 Enos Av - \$475,000  
50 Entrada Av - \$702,000  
3216 Ettie St - \$350,000  
1427 Filbert St - \$475,000  
564 Forest St - \$690,000  
5843 Fremont St - \$500,000  
4000 Fruitvale Av - \$576,000  
8226 Golf Links - \$489,000  
1790 Goss St - \$90,000  
7849 Greenly Dr - \$480,000  
6019 Harwood - \$1,265,000

3405 Helen St 2 - \$353,500  
5709 Holway Ct - \$289,000  
2325 Humboldt - \$300,000

See SALES, Page B12

This week's Open  
Home Guide  
starts on B16.

OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2-4:30PM



1750 Woodhaven Way, Oakland

First time on market. Warm, wonderful ranch-style home w/ 3BR/2 BA, custom built in 1959. Private courtyard entry. Open floor plan with large picture windows, custom woodwork, family room and workshop.

Offered at \$719,000



Nancy Chew  
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1106 Oakland Avenue, Piedmont

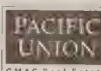


Plan for your future in this lovely Piedmont traditional home. The wonderful sun porch entry leads you to the living room with hardwood floors, wainscoting & a fireplace, formal dining room, and eat-in kitchen. Split-level stairs to three bedrooms and one and a half baths. Entertain on your sunny patio and beautiful terraced garden.

Offered at \$679,000



Bob Nelson  
(510) 338-1345



Carolyn Nelson  
(510) 338-1345



TEMESCAL TREASURE!

OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2-4:30PM



4918 Desmond St., Oakland

Welcome to one of Oakland's most desirable neighborhoods! This much loved Craftsman home has all the charm of yesteryear, plus a remodeled kitchen, paint, a full basement, a big yard, and much more!

3 Bedrooms, 1.5 Baths  
Minutes from Rockridge & Piedmont Avenue

Offered at \$535,000



Joan Dark  
Senior Sales Associate  
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Redwood Heights

BAY AND CITY VIEWS, AUGUST 22ND, 2-4:30PM



3649 Victor Ave, Oakland

Charming ENGLISH STYLE HOME offering comfortable floor plan and distinct style. Spacious kitchen with breakfast room and adjoining enclosed sun-porch. MASTER BEDROOM with adjoining sitting room. Downstairs has large plus room with half bath, workshop area and storage room. Patio and detached garage. Don't miss this wonderful home!

Offered at \$599,000



Diane Earl McCan  
REDWOOD HEIGHTS  
& LAUREL SPECIALIST  
(510) 338-1352



## BERKELEY HILLS REALTY

View Photo Tours  
On The Web525 Colusa, Berkeley  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

This spacious, well-maintained Mediterranean-style home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths plus full 1 bedroom, 1 bath au-pair on a deep 7500 sq. ft. landscaped lot. Set back from the street behind acacia and oak trees and large boulder, this home offers a bay view while being only minutes from Solano Ave. shops and restaurants. This very desirable Thousand Oaks home is a "must see"!

Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12, \$925,000

2128 Funston Place, Oakland (Oakmore Area)  
Open Sunday 2:00 - 5:00

Gorgeous Mediterranean on almost 1/4 acre. Prof. landscaped bkyd w/rock outcroppings, beaut. flagstone patio & large trees in a park-like setting. 4 lg bedrooms, 3 baths, liv. rm, din. rm, fam. rm, 3 frpls, sep. laundry & gar. Cherry & oak flrs, Anderson windows & doors, original tiled flrpl w/mahogany mantel & alabaster sconces, 2 mstr suites, patios, decks & views.

Chris Ehlers-Hardie 524-9888 x22, \$779,000

724 Peralta Ave., Berkeley  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

Warm three-bedroom, two-bath brown shingle near all the wonderful Solano Ave. amenities. Wheelchair ramp to front door of this one-level home. Fireplace, redone hardwood floors, fresh paint, newer roof. One-car garage.

Arlene Baxter 524-9888 x19, \$545,000

1714 Masonic, Albany  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Listing! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, wonderful master bedroom with vaulted ceiling and great outlooks. All bedrooms have great separation and privacy. Living room with fireplace and custom bookcases. Low maintenance yard.

Bill &amp; Tracy 524-9888 x33, \$535,000

1461 Acton Crescent  
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30  
New Listing! Charming on a quiet cul-de-sac w/Village Atmosphere has 2 bedrooms including an Artist's Studio designed by architect Paul Wang in 2001. Beamed ceilings & refinished hwd floor. No one of Berkeley's charming pathways—Acton Crescent Path leads from Acton Crescent to Sacramento and great transportation. BART, Strawberry Park and shopping are also nearby.

Gay Austin, Kay Kruse 524-9888 x51, \$450,000

Lots  
Southampton Ave. View Lot, Berkeley  
Gorgeous, gently down-sloping lot on a street full of expensive homes, in one of Berkeley's most prestigious neighborhoods. Views of the G.G. Bridge and the S.F. Bay, across from John Hinkel Park, & minutes to Solano Ave. shops.

Norah Brower 524-9888 x26, \$435,000

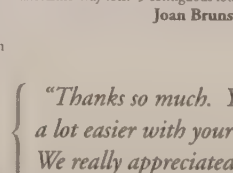
Panoramic Way Lots

Panoramic Way lots. 5 contiguous lots, downslope with view, totaling .31 acres of 1.8 acres.  
Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12, \$95,000

1823 Highland Place (off Hearst), Berkeley  
By Appointment

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have grown to be long and lanky.

A. Miniature roses are fed the same as traditional roses but are pruned differently. With minis, there is no need to conform to the pruning rules. Instead, you just shear the growth back to a uniform point. However, I would remove any of the dead wood that may be present. This is done several times a year after each blooming cycle is spent.

The frequent pruning will keep

the plants compact. Mini roses like four or more hours of direct sun light, the more the better. This may be another reason for the leggy growth.

Miniature roses are heavy feeders so frequent fertilizing is necessary. In containers, nutrients leach out the bottom of the pot besides being absorbed by the roots.

Traditional roses are also heavy feeders. With container roses, I like to use Osmocote and/or Dr. Earth

Rose Food.

Q What is eating my ripening lemons? The fruit has very tiny teeth marks.

A. The damage you are seeing is from roof rats. They are a per-

sistent problem, in many parts of the Bay Area. They feed at night and are mobile. Your best control is to destroy the nest but it may not be in your yard. Also, a cat with an attitude has been effective.

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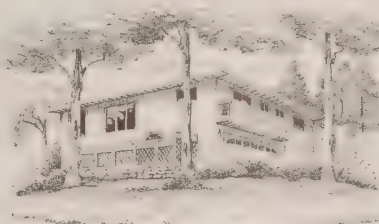
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**SHERIDAN HIGHLANDS \$1,495,000**  
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The 5BR/4BA has sensational panoramic views of San Francisco and the Bay from an fabulous all level sun drenched home. De Knowland x1318

**PIEDMONT \$1,450,000**  
MARGARET ROAD (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! This 3BR/3BA home provides elegant, large rooms, easy living, outdoor living, lovely views, & storage. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**MONTCLAIR \$1,095,000**  
WESTOVER DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Dramatic View 4+BR/3BA contemporary home. Soaring ceilings, master suite, kitchen, decks, hot tub! Fabulous! Nancy Noman x1373

**ROCKRIDGE \$995,000**  
MARGARITO DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Stunning Bay View 3+BR/2BA near BART. Large family room w/level out patio. Separate dining & breakfast rooms, full kitchen off master. Leslie Avant x1341

**LEONA HEIGHTS \$799,000**  
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A beautiful 1-story custom home built in 2003. Large, luxurious master suite. Open floor plan with high quality kitchen & exceptional living space. Donna Costella x1355

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**MONTCLAIR \$719,000**  
1750 WOODHAVEN WAY (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Wonderful ranch-style 3BR/2BA custom built in 1959. Private courtyard entry. Open flr plan with lots of windows. Nancy Chew x1342

**PIEDMONT \$679,000**  
1106 OAKLAND AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Lovely 3BR/1.5 BA traditional home. Wonderful terraced garden & hardwood floors. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

**HADDON HILL \$629,000**  
616 MONTCLAIR AVE. (Open 1-5)  
New listing! Lovingly-maintained 1924 Craftsman 3BR/2BA. Level large yard/garden. Newly refinished hwd flrs in large FDR w/built-ins. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$599,000**  
3649 VICTOR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming English style 2+BR/1+BA home offering a comfortable floor plan and distinct style. Diane Earl McCan x1352

**TEMESCAL \$535,000**  
4918 DESMOND ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Craftsman beauty 3BR, 1.5BA, remodeled, fresh paint, big yard, full basement, remodeled kitchen. Joan Dark x1316

**LAUREL \$445,000**  
4450 PAMPAS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Pristine 2 BR/1 BA Laurel Bungalow on cul de sac. Recent exterior paint, landscaped yard and patio with hill view. Lee Jacobson x1309

**MILLSMONT \$389,000**  
3215 MORCOM AVE. (Open 2-4)  
Mills College area. Small 1+BR/1BA bungalow. Nancy Hoover x1375

**EASTLAKE \$349,000**  
2018 11TH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! This Darling 2BR/1.5BA condo, stylishly updated throughout, nice patio off LR, pool, many extras, convenient to BART & commute. Leslie Avant x1341

**ADAMS POINT \$329,000**  
330 VERNON #207 (Open 2-4:00)  
New Listing! Spacious light filled 2BR/2BA condo, stylishly updated throughout, nice patio off LR, pool, many extras, convenient to BART & commute. Leslie Avant x1341

**LAUREL \$325,000**  
3060 DELAWARE ST. (Open 2-5)  
Adorable 2BR/1BA. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, newly painted. French doors off both bedrooms to deck. & level yard. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

**GRAND LAKE \$299,000**  
195 SANTA CLARA #5 (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Private patio, deck, fireplace, in-unit laundry, garage. Lorri Arazi x1330

**BERKELEY \$2,950,000**  
Stunning 4+BR/4BA contemporary in spectacular setting. Extensively remodeled. Floor to ceiling windows. A work of art! Nancy Noman x1373



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,850,000**  
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**MONTCLAIR \$1,525,000**  
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Pristine views of San Francisco Bay. Montclair Hills 3BR/2.5BA home. Kitchen/family room combo, sumptuous master suite. Donna Costella x1355

**SAN LEANDRO \$624,000**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA home in Estudillo Estates-First time on market-Two story, spacious LR w/ fireplace, FR, eat-in kit, lots of storage, 2-car garage w/workshop. Candy Benny x1328

**ALBANY \$499,000**  
Nest here, 3BR/2BA near Solano Ave. conveniences. Tom Nemeth x1381

**BERKELEY \$499,000**  
Spacious 3BR/2BA on quiet street. Large living and dining rooms. Beautiful fireplace. Tom Nemeth x1381

**NORTH OAKLAND \$369,000**  
674 West MacArthur Blvd.  
Beautifully renovated 3BR/2BA home with fantastic yard. Walk to MacArthur BART. Tom Nemeth x1381



**PIEDMONT PINES \$895,000**  
Magnificent whimsical Tudor designed by noted architect W.R. Yelland. Exquisite "Old World" details incl. exposed beamed ceilings, 3 brick fireplaces & handcrafted casework. A stunning new kitchen, & panoramic SF/GG Vws complete this unique 3bedroom, 3bathroom home. Steven Biasatti x1379

**NORTH OAKLAND \$325,000**  
Coming Soon! Incredibly sweet 1BR/1BA Cottage w/private deck, gorgeous garden and storage shed. Tom Nemeth x1381



## Sales

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8006 Iris St - \$309,000  
 1927 Irving Av - \$350,000  
 5748 Ivanhoe - \$1,250,000  
 5256 James Av - \$775,000  
 3301 Kansas St - \$476,000  
 3503 Kansas St - \$500,000  
 2800 Kingsland - \$525,000  
 4139 Laguna Av - \$600,000  
 6124 Laird Av - \$427,500

151 Lakeside 304 - \$425,000  
 6611 Liggett Dr - \$928,000  
 6678 Liggett Dr - \$850,000  
 3229 Logan St - \$300,000  
 3720 Loma Vista 4 - \$262,000  
 10400 Longfellow - \$369,000  
 3018 Madeline St - \$520,000  
 4010 Malcolm Av - \$499,000  
 4165 Manila Av - \$726,000  
 2347 Market St - \$455,000  
 5201 Market St - \$393,000  
 1829 Melvin Rd - \$802,000  
 2510 Montana St - \$545,000

2714 Montana St - \$330,000  
 193 Montecito 304 - \$300,000  
 4331 Montgomery - \$615,000  
 8747 Mountain 15 - \$300,000  
 7574 Mountain 6 - \$370,000  
 510 Mountain Bl - \$1,350,000  
 7724 Ney Av - \$290,000  
 311 Oak St 26 - \$606,000  
 311 Oak St 540 - \$449,500  
 311 Oak St 730 - \$419,000  
 311 Oak 725 - \$409,000  
 407 Orange 102 - \$286,000  
 6100 Outlook Dr - \$475,000

8 Perth Pl - \$1,130,000  
 5105 Pinecrest - \$1,000,000  
 10123 Pippin St - \$288,000  
 5420 Princeton St - \$347,000  
 3803 Randolph Av - \$719,000  
 3024 Rawson St - \$490,000  
 10945 Reposo Dr - \$345,000  
 5823 Seminary Ct - \$272,000  
 5969 Shattuck Av - \$399,000  
 127 Sheridan Rd - \$820,000  
 3775 Silverwood - \$653,000

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**Midtown Terrace**  
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**Novato**  
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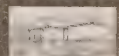


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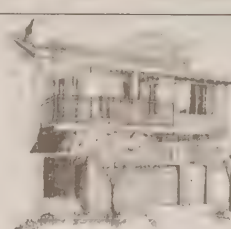
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- ♦ Attached garage

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**2709 Dana St., Berkeley**

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3/2 - First time on market in 55 years! Sunny, huge, yard, breakfast nook, fireplace, large basement & workshop. Close to Solano shops and transportation. More at [www.justsellmyhouse.com](http://www.justsellmyhouse.com).  
511 Santa Clara Avenue Open 2-4:30



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING! \$845,000**  
3+2+ - Fusion Craftsman! Beautiful brown shingle, detached "tea room" with skylights, near Solano and the Gourmet Ghetto.  
1923 Yolo Avenue Open 2-5



**BERKELEY \$769,000**  
4/2.5 - 3 level, 17-year young sophisticated cedar shingle with light, spacious rooms, hardwood floors on the upper living areas, dining room with vaulted ceiling and filtered views  
1530 Olympus Avenue Open 2-5



**BERKELEY \$789,000**  
4/3 - Berkeley Hills Traditional with SF & Golden Gate views. Living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room. 2nd level with large master suite, deck & view  
1111 Grizzly Peak Boulevard Open 2-4



**ALBANY \$549,000**  
4/3 - Wonderful tri-level, newer building on Albany Hill, secluded retreat has three decks with gorgeous views of the hills, Richmond through Berkeley. Perfect for the family.  
525 Jackson Street, Unit C Open 2-4



**EL CERRITO \$495,000**  
3/1 - Terrific investor opportunity. Zoned R-2, this fixer has a conforming height raised basement that may become a second unit. Large eat-in kitchen, dining room & hardwoods upstairs  
735 Kearny Street Open 2-4



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2/1.5 - Stunning, spacious Mira Vista Townhome overlooks canyon with many trails, rear patio on golf course. Large 2-car garage, storage, pool. New carpet and paint.  
907 Vista Heights Road Open 2-4



**EL CERRITO - NEW! \$399,000**  
3/2 - Incredible fixer opportunity located on a quiet cul-de-sac with Bay views. Additional 1/1 with family room downstairs could be an n-law. Needs everything including structural  
7701 Ricardo Court Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! \$599,000**  
2/1 - Charming! Craftsman era bungalow in Crocker Highlands on a lovely, tree-lined street. Spacious rooms include formal dining, sunny living room with fireplace. All on a large parcel  
718 Walavista Avenue Open 2-4:30



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2/1 - Exquisite Craftsman bungalow with period details, delightful sun porch, chef's kitchen, magical gardens, landmark palm tree & perfect location! More at [www.heidiandjerry.com](http://www.heidiandjerry.com)  
5850 Lawton Avenue Open 2-5



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3+2 - Located in desirable Oak Knoll district Move-in condition, high living room ceiling, formal dining room, nice arches and details, many upgrades.  
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2/1 - Updated Craftsman. The best of Old and New. Large eat-in kitchen, great yard, easy access to San Francisco  
1054 56th Street Open 2-5

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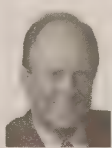
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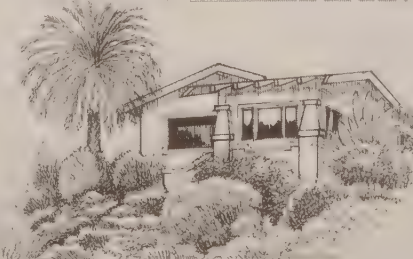


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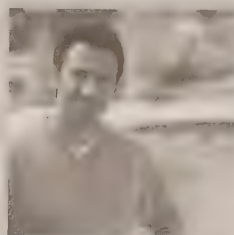
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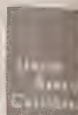
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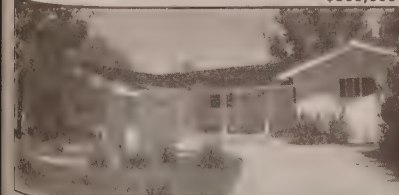
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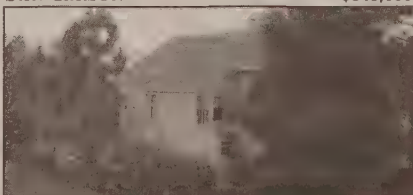
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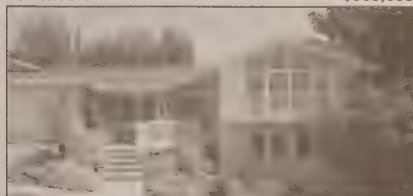
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LOWEST PRICE: \$460,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$800,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$530,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$590,000

TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST PRICE: \$322,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,625,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$750,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$762,636

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$501,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$690,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$591,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$606,000

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 9

LOWEST PRICE: \$168,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,500,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$379,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$464,333

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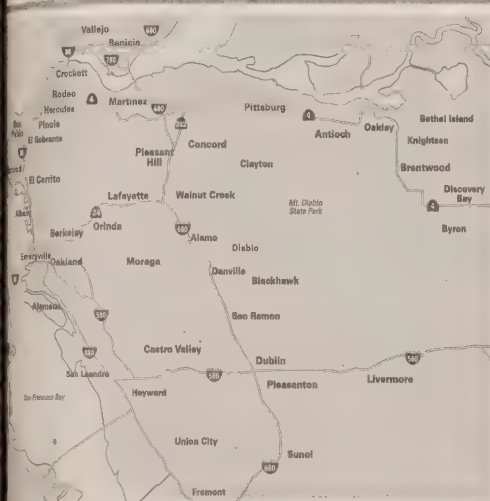
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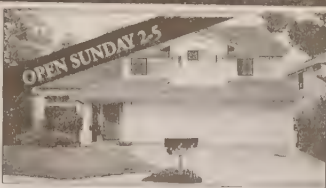
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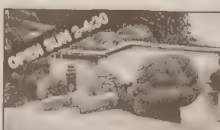
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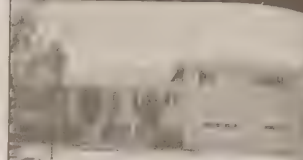
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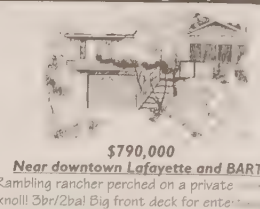
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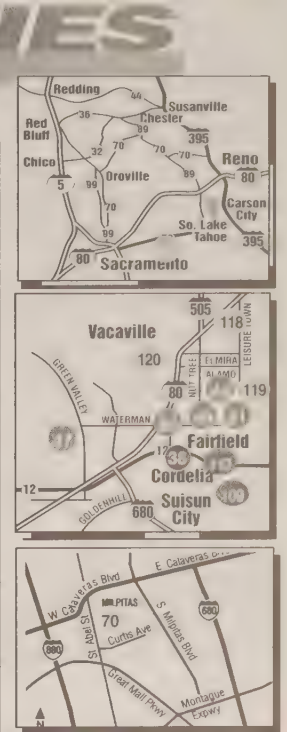
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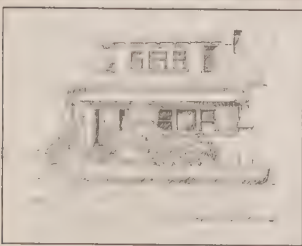
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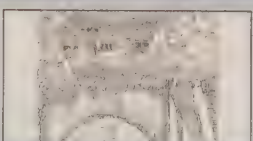
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# SPORTS

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## International teams take games seriously

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Take World Team Tournament Baseball, for instance. The original intent behind World Team Tournament Baseball was to promote international goodwill while exposing 14- and 15-year-old players to baseball from various parts of the world.

Today, that vision remains. But it surely was put to the test at this year's World Team Tournament in San Diego last week.



**MIKE MCGREEHAN**  
Between the Lines

One of the teams, Mexico Rojo, had transportation snags and threatened to pull out before the tournament started. Mexico Rojo, fortunately for itself, did not make good on its threat. Instead, it went on to win the tournament.

Still, all was not well, as

Brazil nearly departed after refusing to let the umpires reverse an incorrect call. And a team from Taiwan became so disgusted that it reportedly refused to play its last game.

"The thing about the World Tournament is that it's good-caliber baseball," said Ken Arnerich, manager for this year's Alameda World Team.

"They call it, 'friendship games,' but these countries come here to win it, and if they don't win it, they're not happy." Arnerich and his team experienced firsthand the flip side of international play.

Alameda, in its second tour-

namment game against Taiwan, led 5-4 in the bottom of the seventh inning when Taiwan — or "Chinese Taipei," as the country dubs itself in international sporting circles — appeared to score the tying run with two out.

Problem was, the runner from third base failed to step on home plate before going to celebrate with his teammates. Alameda appealed, the umpires ruled the runner out and the game ended.

Against Brazil two days later, umpires incorrectly ruled an errant Alameda throw to have gone out of play. Originally, the umpires allowed a

Brazilian runner to automatically score from third base.

Arnerich argued that ball still was "live," and that the runner should return to third. After conferring among themselves, the umpires agreed. But Brazil's manager and coaches refused to cooperate, and instead threatened to pull their team from the field.

Though the umpires threatened to give Alameda a forfeit win, Arnerich decided to let the run stand so the game could continue — which it did, fortunately, with no further incident.

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EL CERRITO HIGH'S Doug Murray tries to catch a ball for the Alameda World Tournament team in its "Friendship Game" against Italy.

## Alameda ends summer on winning note

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

Before heading to last year's World Team Tournament of baseball in Ibiuna, Brazil, the Alameda World Team played a weekend series of tune-up games at College of Alameda. Those games, dubbed the "Friendship Games," included two teams from Fukuoka, Japan, a sister city to Oakland.

The Fukuoka players had a colorful presence. They chanted and cheered throughout, always treating the game with the utmost respect while at the same time elevating it to a kind of cultural celebration.

People from other countries put their cultural imprints on the games they play, too. This year, though, a short play series with the Italy World Team, played

Monday and Tuesday at College of Alameda, fell a bit flat.

In the end, though, the series made for a casual end to the summer baseball season.

On Monday, the Alameda group defeated Italy (which included three older local players) 8-2. On Tuesday, the game was more of a scrimmage as the squads mixed players.

This year's series, unlike last year's Friendship Games, took place after the World Team Tournament, held last week in San Diego. And surely, both Alameda and Italy were tired.

Italy — at least those members of the squad who made the trip to Alameda — drove all the from San Diego on Saturday. On the other side, many of these same Alameda players also were members of the Alameda Babe

Ruth All-Star team that reached the Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament in El Segundo. The Alameda All-Stars were eliminated from that tournament Aug. 7, two days before the start of the World Team Tournament.

Perhaps everyone was just a bit "baseballed" out.

In Monday's game, the Italy squad scored the first run behind guest player Jeff Soskin's RBI double in the bottom of the first inning.

In the fourth, however, Alameda came back in a big way.

Devin Grigg (Alameda High School) led off with a double and K.J. Americh (Alameda High) followed with a comebacker moments later. But a routine play hardly looked routine in this game.

At first, Italy looked to have

Grigg hung up between second and third. But Italy's third baseman could not handle the pitcher's throw. And when Americh continued to second base, the third baseman threw the ball into right field, as both runners scored on the play for a 2-1 Alameda lead.

Later, bases-loaded singles by Zack Boyd (Encinal) and Doug Murray (El Cerrito High) made it 4-1. Then, with the bases still loaded, Alameda added a fifth run on a Jordan Pries (Alameda) infield hit.

Alameda added two more runs in the fifth. Brian Peterson (Alameda) reached on an error and eventually scored on Ari Levine's (Alameda) single. Levine eventually scored himself behind a Trevor Case (St. Mary's) single and two passed balls.

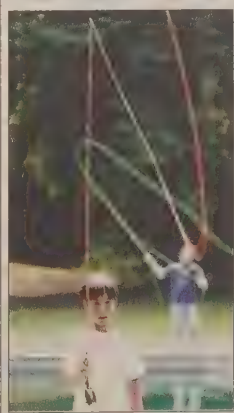
Alameda went up 8-1 in the seventh when Jeff Perri (Bishop O'Dowd) reached on a two-base error, stole third and came home on a Will Sherratt (Alameda) infield out.

Italy got the game's final run on David Lionetti's RBI in the bottom of the inning.

This year's series surely lacked the pizzazz of last year's series with Fukuoka visit. But after Tuesday's game, the players, coaches, parents and fans of both teams shared a meal.

A game originally scheduled for Wednesday, gave way to a day at the mall and other possible activities before the Italy squad departed for home on Thursday.

Hey, maybe it wasn't such a bad way to end the season, after all.



EDDIE LEDSMAN/STAFF

### Hooking them in

**TWELVE-YEAR-OLD** James Smith of Berkeley learns the basics of fly fishing at a summer casting clinic hosted by the Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers at the Oakland Casting Ponds on Sunday.

### BRIEFS

#### El Cerrito seeks football coaches

El Cerrito High School is looking for two assistant football coaches. 510-508-3163.

#### Albany Little League signups

Albany Little League is taking signups for fall ball online at [www.AlbanyLittleLeague.org](http://www.AlbanyLittleLeague.org).

#### Oaks fall baseball

The Oakland Oaks baseball program will begin its fall ball season for high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors at 4 p.m. at Diablo Valley College on Aug. 22. Consult the Oaks Web site at [www.eleamz.com/oakland-oaks](http://www.eleamz.com/oakland-oaks) or contact coach Mark Palmore at [coachpalmore@yahoo.com](mailto:coachpalmore@yahoo.com).

#### Mid-County Officials seek officials

The Mid-County Officials Network is looking for junior high and high school volleyball officials, and youth and small enrollment high school soccer officials. 510-301-2928.

#### Football officials needed

The East Bay Football Officials Association is looking for high school football officials for the upcoming sea-

son. No experience required. 510-521-4121 or 510-235-5249.

#### Slam N' Jam fall basketball

Slam N' Jam fall league will be holding its players draft for ages 12-14 in grades 6-8 Sept. 4 at Rainbow Community Center on Seminary and East 14th Streets in Oakland. \$45. Games will be held Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 18. 510-677-1382 or [www.slamnjam.org](http://www.slamnjam.org).

#### Unique Mestiza's softball tourney

21st Annual Unique Mestiza's Men's and Women's Slowpitch Tournament will be held Sept. 11-12 at Louis Park Softball Complex in Stockton. \$200 per team. Registration deadline Sept. 6. 209-951-5735 or 209-406-2616.

#### Football assistants needed

Bishop O'Dowd High School is looking for assistant football coaches for the fall season. Positions are open at the varsity, junior varsity and freshman levels. Call varsity head football coach Paul Perenon at 510-333-7257, 510-577-9100 ext. 402, or 510-636-0212.

#### Jim Hadnot Foundation basketball clinic

Jim Hadnot Foundation will be holding a youth basketball clinic for ages 7-11, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 in Oakland. \$125. 510-393-2931.

#### Acalanes seeks volleyball coach

Acalanes High School in Lafayette is looking for a head varsity girls volleyball coach. 925-935-2600, ext. 217.

#### Miramonte seeks volleyball coach

Miramonte High School in Orinda is looking for a freshman volleyball coach. 925-376-4423, ext. 451.

#### Coast to Coast open softball tryouts

Coast to Coast Softball is looking for California softball players ages 16-19 to represent USA in international competition in Australia and Hawaii. Open tryouts will be held Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. at United Sports Complex in Stockton and Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. at Solano College in Suisun City. 740-373-2068 or [www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com](http://www.CoastToCoastAthletics.com).

#### Chris Mashburn Memorial softball tourney

Chris Mashburn Memorial Foundation Tournament will be held Sept. 18-19 at Willow Pass Park in Concord for men's and coed city league teams C and lower. \$260. 925-682-0478 or [www.cmmfoundation.org](http://www.cmmfoundation.org).

#### Strickers 18-under softball tryouts

Strickers 18-under team will be holding tryouts for fall ball Aug. 29 at Oak Grove High School at 285 Blossom Hill Rd. in San Jose. Pitchers and catchers at 9 a.m., and position players at 10:30 a.m. 408-227-8191, 408-274-9301 or [www.stickers.org](http://www.stickers.org).

#### Sorcerer 18 gold/18A softball tryouts

Sorcerer Softball 18 gold and 18A teams will be holding tryouts Aug. 21-22 and Aug. 29. 925-825-6274 or [www.sorcerersoftball.org](http://www.sorcerersoftball.org).

#### Sorcerer 14A softball tryouts

Sorcerer Softball 14A team will be holding tryouts Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Benicia Middle School. 707-747-1027 or [www.sorcerersoftball.org](http://www.sorcerersoftball.org).



WIN CURRIER

### Member other great

**AS A KID**, I had idols like Willie Robinson and Nellie. But as an adult, my idol has been Willie Stargell, both as a player and a coach. He's just special. If you took a poll of all the major league players, there wouldn't be a guy who wouldn't name him. 'Pops' is a fitting name because he's like a father to so many."

That quotation is from Baseball of Fame, television personality and former Encinal High School star Morgan.

There's only one word to describe Willie Stargell, and that's class. He has been an inspiration to millions of young players over America.

That quotation is from the book "Who bleeds Dodger blue," by Los Angeles manager Tom Lasorda.

There are many other quotations... from Johnny Damon, Steve Garvey, and even Pete Rose.

There's been a long, uphill battle for Stargell, the gangly former Alameda's "projects," who reached the summit of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Read wasn't always easy and wasn't devoid of controversy, but the former Encinal High School star reached goals far beyond his expectations.

In his book, "Willie Stargell: An Autobiography" written by Tom Bird, Stargell reluctantly — not bitterly — left Alameda home in the war.

Originally built for World War II workers, he described his home as "plain, unimpressive, long, rectangular buildings housing apartments more than two bedrooms, building with four apartments on the upper, two lower common entranceway."

He wrote, "the projects were always constructed near the use of tenants' lot." Willie's family lived in the bedroom unit at 965A.

With his mother, stepfather Percy, and sister Sandra, Willie slept on a cot in the living room. When he was asleep, he wrote, was on the length of stay by the evening's guests. His

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### Bombers take second Valley Cup

STAFF REPORT

The Bay Oaks Soccer Club members under-11 girls began their tournament play by taking second place at the San Ramon Valley Cup, held Aug. 7-8 in Alameda.

Coached by Momi Assayag, the Bombers finished the tournament at 1-2-1, though they lost more impressively than record might indicate.

The Oaks opened tournament play with a 2-1 win over the Centerville Spirit. Next, the Bombers played the Livermore team to a 1-1 draw, followed by a 1-1 tie against the Creek Hurricanes. The Bombers then ended the tournament with a heart-breaking 2-1 loss to the San Ramon Velocity in the championship final.

After the tournament, Elaine Smith led the Bombers' attack with three of her team's goals. Sophia Moubizhi, Laura Alvarado, Elizabeth Ayala and Ruby Smith lent much support.

Coach Beato, Carmen Antaky, K.K. Taylor, Lucia Taylor, and Piedmont's Marjorie Caschios and Ayelet Haar assisted in the defense.

For more information on the Bombers' attack, contact Elaine Smith at 510-301-2928.

Information provided by Jennifer Smith, Bay Oaks Soccer Club



# Alameda comes up short at World tournament

STAFF REPORT

After winning its first-round bracket and earning the No. 1 playoff seed for the first time in the 23-year history of the World Team Tournament, the Alameda World Team looked poised for a run at the title at this year's tournament in San Diego.

Alas, it was not to be. Alameda was abruptly knocked out of the playoffs of this most prestigious youth baseball tournament on Aug. 13 with a 4-2 semifinal loss to Mexico-Rojo.

For Alameda, the loss was its second in a row to Mexico-Rojo, which had beaten Alameda 7-6

in the final game of group play on Aug. 12.

In the semifinal, Mexico-Rojo played well, to be sure. But Alameda, for its part, just came out flat. When Alameda players hit the ball, it didn't drop ... but when they attempted to catch it, it did.

Early in the game, neither team could get much going. Mexico-Rojo finally worked a player around the bases for a run in the third inning, and held that advantage until Alameda tied the score in the fifth.

Jeff Perri (Bishop O'Dowd High School) ripped a shot up the middle for a single, and Jeff

Murphy (Alameda High) advanced him to second with a sacrifice bunt.

Devin Grigg (Alameda High) then moved Perri to third on a grounder past the shortstop, and Perri finally scored when K.J. Arnerich (Alameda) hit a sacrifice fly to center.

Alameda starter Mario Hollands (El Cerrito) did well early on, pitching two shutout innings to start the game, but he began to have some trouble in the middle innings. His fastball was working great and he was able to get that pitch across for strikes consistently. But his breaking ball and off-speed pitches were just

missing, which allowed the Mexico hitters to zone in on his fastballs.

Mexico broke through for a big three-run rally in the bottom of the fifth to take a 4-1 lead. Reliever Jordan Pries (Alameda) entered the game and stopped the rally, and also threw a scoreless sixth inning.

Alameda had one more shot to get back in the game in the final inning. The Alamedans had exploded for four runs in a two-out rally the day before against this same team, and were fired up to do the same in the rematch.

Alameda's first two batters quickly were retired, but then

pinch-hitter Todd Surdez (Northgate High) looped a hit over the first baseman's head that landed fair and curved away from the fielders. Surdez alertly noticed that the second baseman was out of position, so he raced for second and then continued on to third when the fielders were having trouble getting the ball back in play.

Arnerich then came to the plate and hit a line drive to right to drive in Surdez, and all of a sudden Alameda was down just two runs, with a man on, and the heart of the order coming up.

Alameda, however, fell victim to the vicissitudes of baseball, as the home plate umpire raised his

strike zone. A so-called third strike batter ended the game.

It was a tough defeat for the Alameda players, but a lot to be proud of. Alameda's first tournament win was its first Alameda team to start the tournament. Alameda team's playoff seed. The third place team had the highest team had ever won. — Information page Grigg, Alameda World

## Currier

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mother had a job in a cannery, but also did beautician work in the apartment, so Willie had to be up and about when her first customer arrived in the morning.

He wrote that there were no economic barriers in the projects, with dozens of different races and nationalities, all on the same economic plane. And there was no prejudice. He found the latter, however, early in his professional career.

Stargell recalled being kidded about having a skinny, bony physique at first, but his friends, he wrote, were "more important to him than ever before in my life." He tells about, when he was on summer vacation from Washington School, getting into trouble climbing a fence to swim in "a government pool."

Alameda police had to drive him home, which wasn't easy because he gave a fake address to avoid confronting his mother, but finally gave the real address and he went home "shaking like a leaf" and got "one of the most impressive whippings of my childhood."

Using a broomstick as a bat, he recalled accidentally hitting tennis balls, rocks, or any small object through windows. He wrote, "I loved baseball and that's all I knew. I never worried about the future, only thought about the next game. During my years in Alameda, only a handful of Negro players had made it as far as the major leagues. My chances seemed slim at best."

He recalled that Washington Park "became the center of my baseball career while I was in the projects ... and 25 years later the people living in the Washington Park area still speak of the crushing blasts I hit there as a teenager. My most memorable shot at Wash-

ington Park was a homer that easily cleared the fence, flew over the street and landed in the front yard of a house with a blue picture window.

"I was the most powerful left-handed hitter in the Alameda area, but then my competition was almost nonexistent ... Being left-handed ... also caused early coordination and fielding problems for me as a youngster. For one, I used the same grip as a right-handed batter — right hand on top, left hand on the bottom — but from the opposite side of the plate.

"I was extremely stubborn about changing ... but one of my friends told me that Hank Aaron ... originally did the same thing but for some reasons switched his style. I changed the position of my hands immediately. If that's what Hank Aaron did to be a better hitter, I knew that it would work for me, too."

While at Washington School, Stargell became a member of the Encinal Project baseball team and recalled "fierce rivalries" between Encinal, Webster and Estuary project teams. But when the boys went to Encinal High School, they stopped fighting each other and competed together. He wrote that in his class, he wasn't the best athlete ... that was Tommy Harper, who was chosen for the varsity baseball team in his freshman year (and became a star in basketball and as a football quarterback) while Stargell went to the J.V.s. Harper was from the Webster projects and, from the Estuary projects came Curtell Motton.

The three played on coach George Read's great baseball teams, graduated from Encinal High together, and went on to play major league baseball — but only Willie — the "bony, skinny" kid, went into the Hall of Fame.

We'll wrap up this Stargell story next Friday.

## Alameda World Team slows down after hot start

After starting last week's World Team Tournament in San Diego with four consecutive wins, Alameda settled for third place after consecutive losses to eventual champion Mexico Rojo.

Mexico Rojo beat San Diego City in the title game.

Nonetheless, Alameda enjoyed a wonderful tournament. This year's team was the first Alameda squad to start 4-0 and the first to earn the No. 1 seed entering the single-elimination phase of the tournament. The 2004 World Tournament team also was the first to win its bracket. And the third-place finish was the highest in Alameda World Team history.

Still, the big prize eluded Alameda. "The disappointing thing about this is that I coached (Alameda World Tournament Baseball) in Japan and I coached it in Hawaii and saw it three times here (in Alameda). Alameda was never the best club. In San Diego, we were the best," Alameda

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World Team manager Ken Arnerich said.

After his team won its first four games, Arnerich decided to rest most of his starters in the final round-robin game with Mexico Rojo. Mexico Rojo needed to rally from behind for a 7-6 win.

Alameda then faced Mexico Rojo in semifinal play the next day.

"We lost to them by just one run with our 'B' team, then we go after them with our 'A' team and our ace pitcher (Mario Hollands). We were confident," Arnerich said.

"Maybe that was the problem — we were a little too confident."

Alameda lost that game 4-2.

"We actually gave them three runs in one inning," Arnerich said.

History is rife with stories of great teams that failed to win a coveted title

This year's Alameda World Team perhaps can add itself to that list.

### Reversals

Tuesday's mixed-squad scrimmage was a time for experimenting. Hollands, normally a left-handed batter, had a hit right-handed. Anthony Woodo, who throws right-handed, appeared very adept as a left-handed first baseman.

### From the crowd

When Italy played Alameda in a 2001 World Team Tournament game at College of Alameda, a cry from the stands of "bella palla," or "good pitch" rang from the stands each time the Italian pitcher delivered such a thing. Alameda's two-game friendly sat with Italy on Monday and Tuesday lacked that kind of color, though one fan was heard to say a muted, "Bravo! Bravo! Bravissimo! Bravo!" after Monday's game.

Then again, maybe cheering the fact that she ended and she soon ner.

### Lasticks

Though the set with two tired teams, the previous week's World Team was alive and well. The ers, it seems, had kept by trading their own ers of their World Team.

For the winners, Alameda's World Team was not completely new numbers. Fortunately, with the team were men to help identify the ers, who wore a hodgepodge mostly T-shirts.

Doug Murray, now into the sport of Brazil, jersey and cap for in San Diego. — Mike

## McGreehan

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"I didn't go to San Diego to win on a forfeit," Arnerich said. "This was the first time I've experienced that teams say, 'We're going home,' or 'We don't want to play.'"

But the wackiness didn't end there.

"Taiwan didn't get a call in another game, and said that they were going to go home," Arnerich said. "I understand they didn't show up for last game."

To be sure, the World Team Tournament remains a great cultural exchange, one that uses baseball to bring people together. The tournament promotes friendships that cross oceans and leaves lasting impressions on those who participate.

Normally, things work well.

Three years ago, Alameda hosted a most successful tournament involving five teams from outside the United States. In 2002, the Alameda World Team went to Japan, made a stop in Fukuoka for some Friendship Games, then went off to Osaka

for the World Tournament, stopping in-between for a moving experience at Hiroshima's war memorial museum.

Last year, the World Tournament was held in Ibiuna, Brazil, near São Paulo. After the tournament, Alameda team members made stops in Rio de Janeiro. Some, including tournament founder and Alameda director of international relations Bill Dal Porto, stayed back for another side trip and saw the Iguaçu Falls from both the Brazilian and Argentine sides.

Great stuff, for sure, as most of us only read about these

places in textbooks.

Next year, the schedule has the tournament in Fresno. Teams, it seems, use this country (but not August?) Eeeen.

But we digress.

World Team Tournament Baseball, regardless of the experience for all involved, it offers a chance about other cultures.

And maybe one of lessons all of us learn of lot of cultures take the ball very seriously.

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...BURGUNDY\*:** This amiable but  
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newscast back in the '70s. Will Ferrell  
plays the self-important news anchor  
Ron Burgundy, who gets a lesson in  
humility and love from his new female  
colleague (Christina Applegate). But  
it has less bite than "SNL," also a back-  
story, a romance and a host of  
celebrity cameos that promise more  
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seems to be playing some version of  
"The Mary Tyler Moore Show's"  
Ted Baxter, and it's just too much. —  
M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual humor, lan-  
guage and comic violence.) 1 hour,  
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**"BEFORE SUNSET\*":** A sequel to  
"Before Sunrise." Former lovers  
Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine  
(Julie Delpy) meet again after nine  
years apart and spend 80 minutes

(the film is in real time) roaming  
the streets of Paris together. Richard Lin-  
klater's leanest, sparest film yet is also  
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lenges all the conventions of ro-  
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misunderstandings, nudity and sex.  
Instead this potent, very love story  
dives into the real and true emo-  
tions involved in experiencing desire  
as we age and gain responsibilities.  
Even the smart, sweet "Before Sun-  
rise" seems slightly staid in compari-  
son. — M. Pols. (R: language and  
sexual references.) 1 hour, 20 min-  
utes. A

**"THE BLIND SWORDSMAN: ZATO-  
ICHI\*":** Filmmaker Takeshi Kitano blurs  
the line between insanity and genius  
in this sublimely syncopated reimagin-  
ing of the popular samurai movie se-  
ries from the 1960s, '70s and '80s. Za-  
toichi (played by Takeshi) is still swiftly

and precisely deadly with a cane-  
sheathed sword. The story follows the  
traditional-enough lines of our hero  
entering a town caught up in a gang  
war; but that's as standard as it gets.  
It's a mad masterpiece. — B. Strauss.  
(R: violence, language; in Japanese  
with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 55 min-  
utes. A

**"THE BOURNE SUPREMACY\*":** Two  
years after we first met him, Matt Dam-  
on's Jason Bourne is as lithe,  
strong and sharp-witted a disaf-  
fected spy as ever. The franchise  
continues, with a strong tale of  
heartbreak and revenge, set among  
various exotic locales. Joan Allen  
joins the cast as a CIA operative  
who thinks Bourne has gone bad.  
Director Paul Greengrass takes over  
from Doug Liman, and he does a  
good job, although the material is  
less fresh and he's a little too in love  
with chaotic car chases. — M. Pols.  
(PG-13: intense action violence.) 1  
hour, 48 minutes. B

**"CATWOMAN\*":** There's nothing quite  
like the sight of an Oscar-winner hissing  
at a pair of dogs or polishing off a  
can of tuna with her fingers. In this  
dreck, directed by someone named  
merely "Pitof," is all about Halle  
Berry's blot, not her acting talents.  
As a cosmetics mogul with a dirty se-  
cret, Sharon Stone makes a less-  
than-satisfying villain, but love inter-  
est Benjamin Bratt, as a detective  
investigating possible Catwoman  
crimes, has a nice spark with Berry.  
Oh, how this movie made us long for  
Michelle Pfeiffer's "Batman Returns"  
pussycat. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action  
violence and some sensuality.) 1  
hour, 31 minutes. C-

**"A CINDERELLA STORY\*":** This  
modern-day fairy tale takes place in  
the San Fernando Valley, where Sam  
(Hilary Duff) attends high school,  
tends to the demands of her  
shrewish stepmother and buses ta-  
bles at the diner founded by her late  
father. Sam has an intense, anony-  
mous e-mail relationship with an un-  
known prince (Chad Michael Mur-  
ray), who just happens to be the star  
of her high school's football team  
and the senior class hottie. — C.  
Rickey. (PG: teenage put-downs, col-  
orful language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes.  
C

**"COLLATERAL\*":** This Michael Mann  
thriller about one night in the life of  
a hit man (Tom Cruise) and the cab-  
ble cabbie (Jamie Foxx) unlucky  
enough to pick him up is slick,  
highly atmospheric and very cool,  
but requires a big leap of faith from  
the viewer. It's riddled with coinci-  
dences, implausibilities and phys-  
ical impossibilities centering around  
the continued good health of Mr.  
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over that, you'll have a great time  
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way al-Jazeera, the Arab television  
network, covered the early stages of  
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jaim, the young Arab-American docu-  
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"Startup.com," a chronicle of the rise  
and rapid fall of a New York dot-com.  
Once again, Noujaim's timing is im-  
peccable, but here, her speedy film-  
making works to her detriment. The  
documentary is intelligent, the al-  
Jazeera journalists articulate and  
compelling, and Noujaim lucked out  
in interviewing a thoughtful American  
military spokesman. But what she's  
given us feels superficial; a quick hit  
when we want something more in  
depth. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 24  
minutes. B-

**"DE-LOVELY\*":** A biopic about Cole  
Porter, starring Kevin Kline as the  
great songwriter and Ashley Judd as  
his wife, Linda, who tolerated a life-  
time of his running around with men.  
An odd movie; crammed with very  
hip, very cool musical numbers and  
likely to leave you humming Porter —  
always a pleasure — but hampered  
by a self-defeating dramatic structure  
that turns the whole thing into a sort  
of "This Is Your Life" episode. Kline  
is good, but Judd gives a chilly, studied  
performance that ranks as one of her

worst. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual  
content.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B

**"FAHRENHEIT 9/11\*":** He's  
baaaaack. With a vengeance, a cam-  
era and archival footage no conserva-  
tive wants to see. In Michael Moore's  
exhaustive, and rather exhausting,  
nonfiction film, the must-see "docu-  
mentary" of the season, America's  
resident noodle details the many  
reasons why he hates President  
George Bush and why he thinks you  
should, too. The results are passion-  
ate, clever, scathing, funny, snarky,  
brutal, sad, glib, often wildly enter-  
taining and at times superficial.  
Moore is at his strongest when he  
lets a woman named Lila Lipscomb,  
whose son was stationed in Iraq, do  
the talking. She will break your heart.  
— M. Pols. (R: language, violent im-  
ages of war.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B+

**"FESTIVAL EXPRESS\*":** They say  
that if you can remember Woodstock  
and other rock concerts of the 1960s,  
then you couldn't have been there.  
That also may be true of Canada's  
1970 Festival Express tour, headlined  
by Janis Joplin, the Grateful Dead  
and The Band. As documented in the  
new film "Festival Express," it sheds  
new light on psychedelic rock while  
showing viewers heretofore unseen,  
career-defining performances by  
some legends. — B. Kava. (R: some  
language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

**"GARDEN STATE\*":** "Scrubs" star  
Zach Braff wrote, directed and stars  
in this deceptively quirky tale that  
gradually deepens to end on a note  
of redemption marked by a bracing  
largeness of spirit. Braff plays a Los  
Angeles actor who returns to New  
Jersey when his mother dies, and si-  
multaneously stops taking medication  
for depression. With Natalie Portman  
as the offbeat local girl with whom he  
hooks up. — K. Thomas. (R: drugs,  
language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B+

**"HAROLD AND KUMAR GO TO  
WHITE CASTLE\*":** Rude, crude and  
socially unacceptable, this stoner flick  
has more belly laughs than anything  
else this summer. The plot is just this:  
Two friends (John Cho and Kal Penn)  
get high and go in search of their  
dream fast food. What elevates it into  
something culturally interesting is the  
way the two leads, one Asian-Ameri-  
can, the other Indian-American, are  
treated by the rest of the world — es-  
sentially with chronic and rampant  
racism — and how they respond. —  
M. Pols. (R: strong language, sexual  
content, drug use and some crude  
humor.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. B

**"HARRY POTTER AND THE PRIS-  
ONER OF AZKABAN\*":** For the third  
in the Harry Potter movies, directing  
duties have been handed from the  
safe and staid Chris Columbus to the  
more sophisticated Alfonso Cuaron,  
whose last film was the steamy art-  
house smash "Y Tu Mama Tambien."  
This film, which features a suppos-  
edly dangerous criminal (Gary Old-  
man) pursuing Harry, is darker, far  
more atmospheric and contemporary.  
Cuaron and screenwriter Steve  
Kloves have cast aside some of J.K.  
Rowling's plot elements without do-  
ing too much damage. But increas-  
ingly, there's a sense of obligation to  
these films, and with the excellent  
young cast growing at a pace that far  
exceeds J.K. Rowling's writing speed,  
time is against the franchise. — M.  
Pols. (PG: frightening moments, cre-  
ature violence and mild language.) 2  
hours, 30 minutes. B

**"A HOME AT THE END OF THE  
WORLD\*":** Based on an early book by  
Michael Cunningham, the film does  
an adequate enough job of showcas-  
ing the absolute adorableness of  
Colin Farrell. But it is Sissy Spacek,  
in a handful of scenes, who really earns  
what limited attention this film de-  
serves. Bobby Morone (Farrell) suf-  
fers the loss of everyone he loves —  
older brother, both parents — at a  
tender age, and spends the rest of  
the movie open-heartedly seeking re-  
placements. — B. Strauss. (R: sex,  
nudity, language, violence, drug use.)  
1 hour, 35 minutes. C

**"INTIMATE STRANGERS\*":** Anna is  
an unhappy Parisian housewife who,  
on the way to visit a psychiatrist,  
turns the wrong way and ends up  
spilling her guts to a financial adviser  
instead. William gets too excited to

point out her mistake. Even when the  
truth comes out, she returns for  
more, with increasingly revealing and  
explicit conversation. For all of its inti-  
macies of deep psychological tur-  
moil, this is a romantic film. — B.  
Strauss. (R: sex language; in French  
with subtitles.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B

**"I, ROBOT\*":** Will Smith in the al-  
gether is the most exciting thing  
about this self-important, derivative  
and muddled sci-fi thriller, awash in  
product placements, from Audi to  
leather Converse All Stars tennis  
shoes. He plays a Chicago homicide  
detective, circa 2035, who gets a  
queasy feeling about the robots so  
pervasive in modern life. — M. Pols.  
(PG-13: intense, stylized action, some  
brief nudity.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. C

**"LITTLE BLACK BOOK\*":** Stacy (Brit-  
tany Murphy) gets through her  
boyfriend Derek's personal belong-  
ings when she begins to suspect he  
isn't being entirely truthful about his  
exes. Fellow talk-show producer Barb  
(Holly Hunter) encourages her to  
contact the women under the guise  
of inviting them onto the show as  
guests. Is it possible to create a ro-  
mantic comedy in which nearly every  
character seems irreparably flawed?  
Examples come to mind, but this isn't  
one of them. — C. Lemire. (PG-13  
sexual content/humor, language.) 1  
hour, 45 minutes. D+

**"THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE\*":**  
John Frankenheimer's original still  
sparkles, but director Jonathan  
Demme has done a surprisingly good  
job remaking it. The story is updated  
to contemporary times, with the gulf  
war subbing nicely for the Korean  
War, and corporate moguls making  
villains almost as insidious and  
creepy as the Communists in the  
1962 film. The three leads — Denzel  
Washington, Meryl Streep and Liev  
Schreiber — deliver excellent per-  
formances. The movie is weakest when  
it dips into standard thriller formula,  
and it lacks the surreal visual punch  
of the original. — M. Pols. (R: vio-  
lence, some language.) 2 hours, 6  
minutes. B+

**"MARIA FULL OF GRACE\*":** A com-  
pelling, lyrical and highly accom-  
plished debut feature by writer/director  
Joshua Marston, which puts a  
human face on one of the more inhu-  
mane and despicable aspects of the  
drug trade, the use of "mules" to  
transport heroin and cocaine.  
Through Maria, his heroine, we come  
to understand how an otherwise inno-  
cent young girl would willingly take  
such a risk. In the title role, serene  
newcomer Catalina Sandino Moreno  
wins our sympathy. — M. Pols. (R:  
drug content, language.) 1 hour, 41  
minutes. A-

**"METALLICA: SOME KIND OF  
MONSTER\*":** This documentary pre-  
sents a fly-on-the-wall perspective  
during the recording of Metallica's lat-  
est album, "St. Anger." The CD was  
delayed when lead singer James Het-  
field checked into a rehab clinic, and  
the band hired a therapist to help  
them deal with the long-term prob-  
lems that had led him there. The film  
counts off the days, interspersed with  
flashbacks. The big difference be-  
tween this documentary and so  
many others is that the members of  
Metallica had the guts to show their  
lives uncensored. — B. Kava. (Not  
rated.) 2 hour, 20 minutes. B

**"MY MOTHER LIKES WOMEN\*":** You  
sense the spirit of Pedro Almodovar  
in this Spanish import about a mid-  
dle-aged woman besotted by another  
woman — younger, poorer immigrant  
— much to the dismay of her three  
grown daughters. — S. Holden. (Not  
rated; in Spanish with subtitles.) 1  
hour, 33 minutes. B-

**"NAPOLEON DYNAMITE\*":**  
Napoleon, played by Jon Heder, is a  
gangly mouth-breather whose affect-  
less eccentricity could easily be mis-  
taken for simple-mindedness. "He's a  
tender little guy," as described by his  
Uncle Rico (Jon Gries). This is about  
the kindest thing anyone says about  
Napoleon, who is taunted, harassed  
and laughed at in school. It is also  
the truest, though it may take you a  
while to appreciate it. This movie,  
filled with small-town, quirky charac-

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DAY MOVIE LISTINGS

**...for Friday August 20**

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...at Berkeley 510-777-3456  
...of Grace (R) 7:15, 9:35

**...Twins**  
...at Berkeley 510-777-3456  
...at Regency (R) 1:30, 4:45, 9:15  
...at Home Here (NR) 1:45, 4:15

**...Bay Street 16**  
...at Emeryville 510-457-4262  
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# Events

## STAGE

**CALIFORNIA SHAKESPEARE THEATER** — "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, through Sept. 5. A seriously funny romantic comedy. Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday 4 p.m. \$27 to \$52 general; \$25 to \$52 seniors; \$13 to \$52 youths ages 4 to 16; \$10 "young and cheap" tickets for ages 30 and younger for Tuesday through Friday performances, day of performance only.

**"Oscar in the Wild: Camping with Cal Shakes,"** Aug. 20, 5 p.m., to Aug. 21, 10 a.m. Enjoy a picnic, a performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest," and a night of camping under the stars, with a continental breakfast and guided nature walk in the morning. \$35.

Community Conversation for "The Hamlet Project," Aug. 25, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first in a series of public events exploring Oakland's history in the development of a new play by Naomi Iizuka. Among those on hand to discuss personal stories from Oakland's history are former mayor Elihu Harris, musician D'Wayne Wiggins, activist and writer Ericka Huggins, and Colored Ink member Rick Marshall. Food and drink provided. At Everett and Jones Barbecue Restaurant, Jack London Square, Oakland. Free.

Bruno Memorial Amphitheater, 100 Gateway Blvd. (state Highway 24, Shakespeare Festival Way/Gateway Exit), Orinda. Free shuttle from the Orinda Park Station, 510-548-9666 or [www.calshakes.org/](http://www.calshakes.org/)

**CENTRAL WORKS THEATER ENSEMBLE** — "The Mysterious Mr. Looney" by Gary Graves, closing Aug. 29. A play about a man who supposedly wrote the plays of Shakespeare, set in 1920 in the English countryside, the man of a famed Shakespeare biographer. \$8 to \$20. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 510-558-1381 or [www.centralworks.com](http://www.centralworks.com)

**LA VAL'S SUBTERRANEAN THEATRE** — "Fluffy Bunnies in a Field of Daisies" by Matt Chaffee, Aug. 27 through Oct. 2. A frankly sexual and comedic look at misconceptions and game-playing between men and women. \$15 general; \$10 students and seniors. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 510-464-4468 or [www.impacttheatre.com](http://www.impacttheatre.com)

**THE SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE** — "Showdown at Crawford Gulch" by Michael Gene Sullivan, Jason Sherbundy and Bruce Barthol, through Sept. 26. Intended to offer a parallel to modern conflicts, the

Troupe presents the world premiere of an original fable about lies, greed and double-crossing in a dusty Texas town in 1886.

Aug. 28 and Aug. 29: Willard Park, Hillgass Avenue and Derby Street, Berkeley.

Free. Unless otherwise noted, live music at 1:30 p.m.; shows begin at 2 p.m. (415) 285-1717 or [www.sfml.org](http://www.sfml.org)

**SHOTGUN PLAYERS** — "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, closing Aug. 29. The story of two mothers who claim the same child. A decision must be made between a stranger who risked everything and the mother who abandoned her child and then changed her mind.

Donation. Saturday and Sunday, 4 p.m. John Hinkel Park, Southampton Avenue, Berkeley. 510-841-6500 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)

## POPULAR MUSIC

**ALBATROSS PUB** — Fred Randolph Jazz Trio, Aug. 21. \$3.

Whiskey Brothers, first, third and fifth Wednesdays. Free.

Swing Mine, fourth Wednesdays. Free.

Unless otherwise noted, shows begin Wednesdays, 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 p.m. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473 or [www.albatrosspub.com](http://www.albatrosspub.com)

**ASHKENAZ** — "Taproots and New Growth: Cultivating World Music Series," through Aug. 14. Lectures, demonstrations and concerts. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. \$5 to \$15.

Tchiya Ament, Aug. 20, 9:30 p.m. \$13. California Brazil All-Star Band, Aug. 21, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

"Kid's Show With Asheba," Aug. 22, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$6 general; \$4 children; free children under age 1.

"Flamenco Open Stage With Stephanie Niera," Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m. \$9. Saucio Piquante, Aug. 24, 8:30 p.m. \$9. Dub Congress, Dub FX, Aug. 27, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

West African Highlife Band, Aug. 28, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

**BECKETT'S IRISH PUB** —

The Katie Jay Band, Aug. 20.

Nicole, Aug. 21 and Aug. 28.

Nicole and the Sisters in Soul, Aug. 25.

Mundaze, Aug. 27.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com)

**BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH** — Mystic

Roots, Baby Jams, Aug. 20. \$7.

KGB, Ashkon and the Sex, The Look, Aug. 27.

SLA, Bodies in the Basement, The Los-

ing Streaks, The Husbands, Aug. 28.

\$7.

Polis. (PG-13: language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B

"SHREK 2": This is a sequel every bit as funny and imaginative as the original, and twice as tender and wise.

Mike Myers is back as Shrek, with Cameron Diaz as his lovely — and very plump and green — Fiona, and, of course, Eddie Murphy as the wise-cracking Donkey. Best thing about both movies is the way they deconstruct fairy-tale notions. — C. Kelly. (PG: crude humor.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. A

"SPIDER-MAN 2": A rare sequel, just as nifty as its predecessor and blessed with some indescribably exhilarating moments. But along with the thrilling action, director Sam Raimi takes his Spidey (Tobey Maguire) to emotional depths. It's more romantic than the original, too (with Kirstin Dunst as the sexy-sweet love interest), plus it's got a sense of humor. — M. Polis. (PG-13: styl-

ized action, violence.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. A-

"SUPER SIZE ME": This anti-junk-food documentary manages to entertain even as it informs and alarms.

Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock — in excellent physical shape at the beginning of his film — sets out to investigate the health effects of an all-McDonald's diet. In just one month, he gains 25 pounds while his health plummets. Scary, yes, but Spurlock's light touch as a filmmaker, his eye and ear for irony, and his easy good humor lighten the disturbing statistics. — M. O'Sullivan. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B-

"THE VILLAGE": Another twisted mystery from director M. Night Shyamalan. Residents of a remote 19th-century village are terrorized by creatures that live in the surrounding woods. A young blind woman (Bryce Dallas Howard, director Ron's daughter) wants to brave the woods and get medicine from the nearby towns to save the life of her beloved (Joaquin Phoenix). The twist is easy to predict and the frights are at a minimum, but it's all skillfully rendered and Howard is a true find. With William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver and Adrien Brody as a very fine village idiot. — M. Polis. (PG-13: scene of violence, frightening situations.) 2 hours. B-

"YU-GI-OH!": A 30-minute series for the latest kids on the market, following Pegasus, a little Julie and Johnny who are getting dumber by the day. — R. Moore. (PG: scary monster images.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. D-

"WHAT THE #\$%! DO WE Marlee Matlin stars in the first of a new series of quantum physics talking head observations, mation and a mini-drama. Photographer (Marlee Matlin with a failed love life — I mean, NR.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. D-

"OPEN WATER": A young couple are beginning to drift apart; you can see it on the first night of Daniel and Susan's vacation. On the second night, drifting apart becomes less a relationship issue than a navigational nightmare. The pair end up in a watery predicament — all alone, miles from shore, bobbing like corks in shark-infested waters — after their dive-boat mistakenly leaves without them. — B. Newman. (R: nudity, profanity.) 1 hour, 19 minutes. B+

**"OUTFOXED: RUPERT MURDOCH'S WAR ON JOURNALISM":** Left-wing filmmaker Robert Gurnwald's attempt to call-foul on mega-media owner Rupert Murdoch's exclamation-point news network. The film clearly wants to show viewers the Fox network's conservative agenda, but more than that, to challenge its claim of "fair and balanced." Among those interviewed are Walter Cronkite, comedian Al Franken and cultural critic James Wolcott. — D. Thomson. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 17 minutes. B

**"RIDING GIANTS":** An homage to big-wave surfing by Stacy Peralta, who explored skateboarding in his previous documentary "Dogtown and Z-Boys." Here he visits the pioneers of the sport, the Mavericks on the Central California coast, and finally Hawaii, where Laird Hamilton et al. tackled the most giant waves of all. A bit gushy, but thrilling. — M.

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"Monday Night All Star Jam" with The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays. \$4.

"Acoustic Wednesday" with Mikie Lee Prasad and guests, 10 p.m. Free

For ages 18 and older. Music begins at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886 or [www.blakesontelegraph.com](http://www.blakesontelegraph.com)

**COFFEE FOR THOUGHT** — Ariel, first

Friday of the month.

Skalawag, third Friday of the month.

Free. Shows begin at 8 p.m. unless

noted otherwise. 1544 Webster St.,

Alameda. 510-769-4930 or [www.coffee4thought.net](http://www.coffee4thought.net)

**DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT** — Peter

Barsha's Pit of Fashion Orchestra,

Aug. 20.

Gini Wilson, Aug. 26.

Wayne Wallace, Aug. 27.

Deanna Witkowski with the Anton

Schwartz Trio, Aug. 28.

Dick Conte, Tuesdays through August.

Jules Broussard, Ned Boynton and Bing Nathan, Wednesdays through August.

Free. Music begins Tuesday and

Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through

Saturday, 9 p.m. unless noted other-

wise. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or 510-597-0633

**FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Sour-

dough Slim and The Saddle Pals,

Aug. 20. \$15.50 to \$16.50

"Swanee: The Stephen Foster Story"

featuring Joe Weed, Marti Kendall,

Katie Kendall-Weed and Marty Atkin-

son, Aug. 21. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Bev Grant, Aug. 22. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

"The 16th Annual Freight Fiddle Sum-

mit" featuring Alasdair Fraser, Natalie

Haas, Jennifer and Hazel Wrigley,

Rodney Miller, Aug. 26. \$19.50 to

\$20.50.

Tom Rush, Aug. 27. \$20.50 to \$21.50.

"The Great Night of Rumi," Aug. 28.

\$18.50 to \$19.50.

Peppino D'Agostino, Aug. 29. \$16.50 to

\$17.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, (866) 468-3399 or [www.freightandsalvage.org](http://www.freightandsalvage.org)

**GREEK THEATRE** — Jack Johnson,

Aug. 27, 7 p.m. \$35. University of Cal-

ifornia, Berkeley, Hearst Avenue and

Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-444-TIXS,

(415) 421-TIXS, [www.cc.com](http://www.cc.com) or

[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**HISTORIC SWEET'S BALLROOM** —

"Friday Night Fish Fry," Aug. 27, 7

p.m. to midnight. Fresh seafood, a full

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**JAZZ SCHOOL** — Anthony Project, Aug. 21, 8 p.m. Slammmin, Aug. 22, 4:30 p.m. \$18

2087 Addison St. Berkeley. 510-836-2221 or 1630

**JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS** — Bharatnatya

Anirudha Knight, Aug. 21, 8 p.m. West Coast premieres of

traditional South Indian

live musical accompan-

\$25 general, \$20 students

\$15 children, 2540 Oak-

Berkeley (925) 758-1029

**KIMBALLS EAST** — Early

20 through Aug. 22. \$20

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## Reviews

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ters, is ultimately more tender than cruel. — A.O. Scott. (PG: thematic elements and language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C+

**"THE NOTEBOOK":** Wealthy big-city girl Allie (Rachel McAdams) meets local working-class boy Noah (Ryan Gosling) while vacationing with her family and they fall in wild teenage love. Her parents don't approve, and they go their separate ways — she to college, he to World War II. But since their story is being told in flashbacks in the form of a notebook — which a kind older gentleman (James Garner) is reading in a nursing home to a kind older lady with Alzheimer's disease (Gena Rowlands) — you begin to suspect that these star-crossed lovers ended up crossing paths again. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: some sexuality.) 2 hours. C-

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**UC BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDEN** — The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants.

"Ancient Medicines: A Tour of the Chinese Medicinal Herb Garden," Aug. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A tour with local Chinese herbalist Anastasia White. Registration required. \$17.

Botanical Garden Tours, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour.

"Sick Plant Clinic," first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m. to noon. UC plant pathology and entomology experts will diagnose what ails plants. Free.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children ages 3 to 18; free on Thursday. Through Labor Day. Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed the first Tuesday of every month for maintenance. 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 510-643-2755 or <http://botanical-garden.berkeley.edu/>

**MORE OUTDOORS TO COME** — AriBurack0435a08/15/04

### EXHIBITS

**ALAMEDA ART CENTER** — "Contemporary Abstracts," closing Aug. 26. An all-media national juried exhibition. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1701 Webster St., Alameda. 510-478-7888 or [www.alamedartcenter.org](http://www.alamedartcenter.org)

**BERKELEY ART CENTER** — "The 21st Annual BACA National Juried Exhibition," through Sept. 18. An exhibition of 45 works by 24 artists, in mediums including sculpture, painting, mixed media and video. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1275 Walnut St., Live Oak Park, Berkeley. 510-644-6893 or [www.berkeleyartcenter.org](http://www.berkeleyartcenter.org)

**CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF THE ARTS CENTER FOR ART AND PUBLIC LIFE** — "Pieces of Cloth, Pieces of Culture," through Sept. 6. The culmination of a yearlong project exploring the history and production of Tongan "lapa" cloth. Free. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Craft and Cultural Arts Gallery, State of California Office Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland. 510-594-3763 or [www.cca.edu/center](http://www.cca.edu/center)

**GRAVITY FEED GALLERY** — "Vulnerability Two: A Creative Perspective of CollectivEye," closing Aug. 20. The second installment of a summer exhibition featuring works by five local artists. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 1959 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-644-4464 or [www.gravityfeed.net](http://www.gravityfeed.net)

**KALA ART INSTITUTE** — "Kala Fellowship Exhibition (Part I)," closing Aug. 28. An exhibition of new work created during the six-month residencies of four artists chosen through an international competition. Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2977 or [www.kala.org](http://www.kala.org)

**LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER** — Henry Navarro, through August. An exhibit of oil paintings by the Cuban artist. In the Cafe and Lobby.

"Imagine Neruda," through Aug. 30. An exhibit of photographs, posters, art works and memorabilia celebrating poet Pablo Neruda's centennial. In La Pena's Theater.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org)

**OAKLAND BOX THEATER A.R.T. GALLERY** — "Open Heart Surgery: Seeing the Truth, a Memorial," through Sept. 1. An installation featuring works by Annamarta Dostourian, Andrew Juris and Laura DuBois. Reception for the Artists, Aug. 22, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free with admission. Call for times. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or [www.oaklandbox.com/](http://www.oaklandbox.com/)

**OAKLAND CITY CENTER** — "The Human Race At Work," through June 10, 2005. An exhibit of photographs by Jesse Kalisher, featuring 11 photos from eight countries that portray people either commuting to work or in the midst of their workdays. Free. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 500 12th St., Oakland. 510-238-6836 or [www.museumca.org/global/ps/index.html](http://www.museumca.org/global/ps/index.html)

**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA'S GALLERY 555** — "New Kingdom," through Oct. 1. An exhibit of sculpture by Robert Orta. Free. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oakland City Center, 555 12th St., Oakland. 510-238-6836 or [www.museumca.org/global/ps/index.html](http://www.museumca.org/global/ps/index.html)

**PERALTA HOUSE** — "Viva la Charrería Mexicana," through Sept. 30. An exhibit of documentary photographs of the Franco family of Sonora participating in the centuries-old traditional Mexican charra (Mexican rodeo). Free. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; first Saturday of the Month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 2465 35th Ave., Oakland. 510-532-9142 or [www.peraltahacienda.org](http://www.peraltahacienda.org)

**ROYAL GROUND GALLERY** — "The 10th Anniversary Celebration I," through Sept. 26. An exhibit of paintings, mixed media, photography and wall sculptures by several artists. Presented by East Bay Women Artists. Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348

**THELMA HARRIS ART GALLERY** — "The fifth annual White Linen Nights" Art Exhibit, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. An exhibit of works by renowned American artists, including Romare Bearden, John Biggers, Elizabeth Catlett, John Wesley Hardwick, Jacob Lawrence and William Tulliver. Free. 5940 College Ave., Oakland. 510-654-0443

### GENERAL

**CHABOT SPACE AND SCIENCE CENTER** — A state-of-the-art facility unifying all science education activities around astronomy. General admission includes a Planetarium show and free parking. Center Admission: \$11 general; \$8 seniors, students and youths ages 4 to 12; free children ages 3 and under. Planetarium or Megadome Theater: \$6 general, \$5 seniors, students and youths ages 4 to 12; free children ages 3 and under. Through Sept. 6: Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. 510-336-7300 or [www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org)

**LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE** — \$8.50 general; \$6.50 seniors, students, disabled, and youths ages 5 to 18; \$4.50 children ages 3 to 4; free children ages 2 and under. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132 or [www.ihb.berkeley.edu](http://www.ihb.berkeley.edu)

**CODY'S BOOKSTORES** — TELEGRAPH AVENUE — Brian Herbert and Kevin Anderson, Aug. 21. The authors talk about "Dune: The Battle of Corrin."

Bharat Mukherjee, Aug. 26. The author discusses "The Tree Bride."

**POETRY AT CODY'S** — 7:30 p.m. at Telegraph Avenue.

2454 Telegraph Ave. 510-845-7852

**FOURTH STREET** — The International Women's Writing Guild, Aug. 22, 3 p.m. Presentations by authors Opal Palmer Adisa, Earthlyn Marsesean Manuel and Ruth King.

Mitali Perkins, Aug. 28, 4 p.m. The author discusses "Monsoon Summer."

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley.

**"CAVALIA: A MAGICAL ENCOUNTER BETWEEN HORSE AND MAN"** — extended through Aug. 22. A multimedia extravaganza involving over 60 performers, including 36 horses, riders, acrobats, aerialists, dancers, musicians, a vocalist, and the European "horse-whisperer" Frederic Pignon and his wife, trainer and rider Magali Delgado. The performance celebrates the relationship between humans and horses.

\$51 to \$79 general; \$44 to \$64 children under age 12; \$44 to \$59 seniors and students on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday performances only. Tuesday through Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; AUG. 21, 3 PM. AND 8 PM.; AUG. 22, 1 PM. AND 5 PM. Under the White Big Top, adjacent to Golden Gate Fields, off Interstate Highway 80 on the Berkeley/Albany border. (866) 999-8111 or [www.cavalia.net](http://www.cavalia.net)

**OUTDOOR MOVIES IN HISTORIC OAKLAND** — Through Sept. 10. A monthly screening of a feature film preceded by short films made by Bay Area filmmakers. There are a few seats available but filmgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Films begin at 8 p.m.

"Tootsie," Aug. 20. Live music will begin at 5 p.m.

Free. Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema, Ninth and Washington streets, Oakland. 510-238-4734 or [www.filmcoakland.com](http://www.filmcoakland.com)



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land.com

**UC BERKELEY PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE** — "Time's Shadow: Film Among the Ruins," through Aug. 31. In conjunction with the University of California, Berkeley Art Museum's exhibition of early photographs, "Time's Shadow," there will be screenings of 11 films and 15 short films that explore themes of ruins.

"Exploit-O-Scope: Promotions and Commercials in the Theater," through Aug. 25. A series of films acknowledging a cheap and gimmicky chapter of film history, from Depth-Dimension 3-D glasses to Hallucinogenic Hypno-Pseudo and pseudo-Sensurround.

"Luchino Visconti," through Aug. 29. A retrospective of the works by the Italian director, featuring 14 feature films, three segments from omnibus films, and a documentary.

Single feature: \$8 adults; \$5 seniors, disabled, youths under age 17; \$2 for additional feature. Call for times. PFA Theater, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-642-5249 or [www.bampfa.berkeley.edu](http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu)

**OAKLAND ARENA** — Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, through Aug. 22. The 134th edition of the show features Prince of Laughter David Larible, Jason Peters and his pride of lions, motorcycle feats on the Wheel of Wonder, Clown Alley, music, elephants and more.

[www.ringling.com](http://www.ringling.com)

\$12 to \$85. Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. (925) 762-2277, 510-762-2277, (415) 478-2277, (408)

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**TEMESCAL STREET FAIR** — Aug. 21, noon to 6 p.m. The fair features live musical performances by bands from the neighborhood including The Crooked Jakes, Montuno Groove, Otis Goodnight, The East Bay Church of Religious Science Gospel Choir, Colibri and Asheba. In addition there will be children's art making and entertainment, food and craft booths, and displays by community groups about what's going on in the neighborhood.

Free. Telegraph Avenue between 51st Street and 48th Street, Oakland. 510-593-9831.

**TRIONE TRIATHLON** — Aug. 22, 7 a.m. An annual competition to raise money for ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. There will be three races to accommodate beginning and seasoned triathletes: a sprint race with a 0.75-kilometer swim, 13-kilometer bike and 5-kilometer run; an international-distance race with a 1.25-kilometer swim, 40-kilometer bike and 10-kilometer run; and an international-distance relay race. The races begin at the Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal with a swim in the San Francisco Bay, then on a bike course looping through the Harbor Bay Business District, and finishing with a run on paved trails parallel to the water.

\$74 to \$177 registration fee. Bay Farm Island, Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda. [www.tlone.org](http://www.tlone.org)

**PARKWAY THEATER** — "The second annual Oakland International Black, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Film Festival," Aug. 22, 3 p.m. and

6 p.m. The two-day festival is part of Bay Area Black In The Life, a week-long celebration of African and African-American lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender life and culture. \$8 per film. 1834 Park Blvd., Oakland. 510-814-2400 or [www.bbtl.net](http://www.bbtl.net)

**DOWNTOWN BERKELEY'S FRONT ROW FESTIVAL** — Aug. 24, noon to 7 p.m. An outdoor and indoor music and arts festival serving as Berkeley's official grand opening of the Arts District. There will be live music by Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca, Mingus Amungus, Montclair Women's Big Band and Laurie Lewis; dance, film, comedy and spoken word events; food booths; a wine and beer garden; arts and craft booths; and children's art activities. The grand opening ceremony will take place at noon.

Free for outdoor events; \$5 for unlimited indoor events. Addison Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. 510-549-2230 or [www.downtownberkeley.org](http://www.downtownberkeley.org)

**OAKLAND CHINATOWN STREETFEEST** — Aug. 28 and Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A weekend of exotic food, fun and entertainment in Oakland's Chinatown. The festival covers 10 city blocks and has 300 booths, live entertainment on four stages, arts and crafts, games, community information and children's activities.

Free. Seventh Street to 11th Street and Broadway to Harrison Street, Oakland. 510-897-9779 or [www.oaklandchinatownstreetfest.com](http://www.oaklandchinatownstreetfest.com)

### MUSEUMS

**AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY** — "In Search of the Lost Alphabet," through Sept. 18. An exhibit of photographs of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Sahara Desert and the Bandiagara cliffs in Mali.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/>

**ALAMEDA MUSEUM** — The museum offers permanent displays of Alameda history, the only rotating gallery showcasing local Alameda artists and student artwork as well as souvenirs, books and videos about the rich history of the island city.

**SPECIAL EVENT** — "Bernard Maybeck and the Secrets of the Palace," Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Gray Brechin will show slides of the architect's life and work. Free. Wednesday through Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda. 510-521-1233 or [www.alamedamuseum.org](http://www.alamedamuseum.org)

**EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS** — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection that was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Donation; \$2 guided tour. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland. 510-763-0141.

**JUDAH L. MAGNES MUSEUM** — The museum's permanent collection includes objects of Jewish importance including ceremonial art, film and video, folk art and fine art, paintings, sculptures and prints by contemporary and historic artists.

"Case Study: Alfred Henry Jacobs, Architect," through Jan. 16. An exhibit of photographs, documents and other printed materials from the Western Jewish History Center archive, highlighting Alfred Henry Jacobs' contribution to the architecture of Bay Area movie palaces and theatres as well as charitable organizations.

"A Voice Silenced," through Oct. 24. An exhibit by Diane Neumaier of photography of family snapshots taken by her father, John (Hans) Neumaier of his middle-class Jewish-German family in the 1930s. The exhibit focuses on his mother, Leonore Schwartz Neu-

mayer, the first contralto to perform at the opera.

Free. Through summer. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 510-454-4444 or [www.magnes.org](http://www.magnes.org)

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**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE** — A focus on education and the environment. The museum chronicles the history of people of African descent ties to present. Computer classes at the science education activities seminars. There is a library with a collection of medical and videotapes.

\$6 general; \$4 children ages 3 to 12; \$2 children ages 1 to 3; \$1 children ages 0 to 2. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 510-893-6400 or [www.blackengines.org](http://www.blackengines.org)

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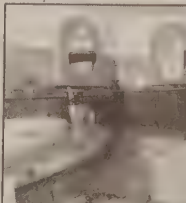


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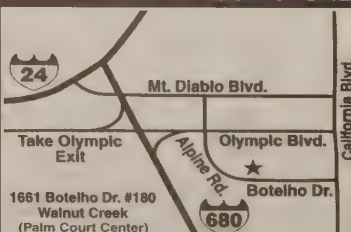
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**ONGOING EVENTS** — "Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art à la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors and students; free children ages 5 and under; free to all on the second Sunday of the month. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 510-238-2200 or [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org)

**THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM** — The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1868, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in the civic and cultural development of California and Oakland. The home includes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended.

\$5 general; free children under age 12. House Tours: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. 672 11th St., Oakland. 510-444-2187 or [www.pardeehome.org](http://www.pardeehome.org)

**UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM** — "MATRIX 212: Intention to Fail," through Sept. 5. An exhibit of works by Elia-Lisa Ahlita, an acclaimed Finnish film and video artist.

"Carl Heidenreich and Hans Hofmann in Postwar New York," through Oct. 3. An exhibit that pairs the works of two contemporaries whose parallel lives of art and exile occasionally overlapped, first in Germany and later in New York.

"Compass Points: The 34th Annual University of California, Berkeley Master of Fine Arts Graduate Exhibition," closing Aug. 29. An exhibit featuring seven artists from a two-year MFA program in various media including painting, photography, video and installation.

"Turning Corners," through Aug. 31. This exhibition looks at five centuries of innovative art and ideas from around the world through masterworks from the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. On view are works by artists ranging from Albrecht Dürer, Peter Paul Rubens and Paul Gauguin to Jackson Pollock and Eva Hesse; and recent work by Jeanne Dunning, Xu Bing and Mona Hatoum.

"Within Small See Large," through Oct. 24. An exhibit of Chinese paintings of bird-and-flower vignettes, gardens and far-reaching landscapes — all sharing the ubiquitous symbol of the rock.

"The Korean Potter," through Oct. 24. An exhibit celebrating the genius of



## Getting physical

**MOST AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMEDIANS** on the stand-up circuit these days get the obligatory comparisons to Richard Pryor or Eddie Murphy.

Not Arnez J, who comes to Concord this weekend. His over-the-top physical humor has instead won him comparisons to everyone from Carol Burnett to Flip Wilson and even got him dubbed "the black Jerry Lewis."

We'll just guess that he's huge in France. Arnez J performs 8 and 10 tonight and Saturday and 8 p.m. Sunday at Tommy T's Comedy House, 1655 B Willow Pass Road, Concord. Tickets are \$22-\$30. Contact 925-686-6809.

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early fifth- and sixth-century Korean potters with ceremonial stoneware pedestal cups and high-necked jars with pierced stands.

"Figurations," through Jan. 22, 2006. A changing exhibition of historical and recent paintings, photographs and sculptures that consider the human form in various ways.

**SPECIAL EVENT** —

"First Impressions: Free First Thursdays," first Thursday of every month. Special tours and movie presentations. Free.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors, students and youth ages 12 to 18; free children under age 12 and UC Berkeley students; free to all on first Thursday of the month. Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 510-642-0808 or [www.bampfa.berkeley.edu](http://www.bampfa.berkeley.edu)

**UC BERKELEY HEARST MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY** — "Native California Cultures," ongoing. This is a permanent exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's California collections, the largest and most comprehensive collections in the world devoted to California Indian

cultures. The exhibit includes a section about Ishi, the famous Indian who lived and worked with the museum, Yana tribal baskets and a 17-foot Yurok canoe carved from a single redwood.

"Beginnings: The Phoebe Hearst Era (1901-1920)," ongoing. The exhibition examines artifact collecting as a form of cultural representation, presenting objects from around the world. Displays focus on the systematic character of these collections and provide original contexts for the objects, which increases a viewer's understanding of the peoples who made and used the objects.

\$2 general; \$1.50 seniors; 50 cents students; free children ages 12 and under; free on Thursdays for all.

Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 103 Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-3683 or <http://hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu>

**UC BERKELEY MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY** — "Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot-tall, 40-foot-long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Pteranodon," ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Pteranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

"California Fossils Exhibit," ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils that have been excavated in California.

Free. Hours vary during summer and holidays. During semester sessions, hours generally are: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Lobby, 1101 Valley Life Sciences Building 4780, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-1821 or [www.ucmp.berkeley.edu](http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu)

**WESTERN AEROSPACE MUSEUM** — The museum features a display of aircraft ranging from World War II to present-day models as well as other historical aviation memorabilia. Among the museum displays are a McDonnell Douglas A-4 Skyhawk from the Vietnam War; a McDonnell Douglas British Aerospace Harrier; a replica of the Wright Brothers 1911 Vin Fiz, the first plane to be flown across the United States; and a Lockheed Vega, a single engine plane flown by Amelia Earhart who set speed records in it. The plane is the only Vega in existence with an aluminum fuselage. Also included is a vertical take-off Hamer jet formerly belonging to NASA and a British-built flying boat. Docent-led tours available by special request.

\$7 general; \$6 seniors; \$5 active military; \$3 children ages 6 to 12; free children under age 6; \$2 per person additional for Short Solent flying boat tour. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. North Field, Oakland International Airport, 8260 Boeing St., Building 621, Oakland. 510-638-7100 or [www.westernaerospacemuseum.org](http://www.westernaerospacemuseum.org)

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## Vietnam

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own personal feelings into it. But I'm hoping that people will be willing to see other points of view. The idea is to get people to talk about it."

When the exhibit — which has been four years in the making — was first announced, the museum had problems describing it and ran into controversy in the Southeast Asian community. Based on complaints and suggestions, the show was retitled and refocused; it now includes more extensive documentation of the state's growing Southeast Asian community.

Eymann also interviewed many people — from combat veterans to Republican activists — about their experiences during the war. Some of these taped interviews can be heard at listening stations located in a mock-up of a World Airways plane.

The conversations took place just before and after the American-led invasion of Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein. Without prompting, everybody wanted to compare the Vietnam and Iraq wars, Eymann says.

Vietnam veterans she contacted wanted to make sure the exhibit didn't stereotype them as "the angry vet who went postal at work," she says. But the nation's attitude has changed, and Kerry's appearances with his wartime buddies are only the most visible example. "It's an amazing shift, but a good one," she says. "Now it's a really cool thing to be a Vietnam vet."

There is "no one truth and no master narrative" to the exhibit or its extensive accompanying book published by UC Press, says Eymann. Instead, there are many points of view in the photographs, artifacts, text and oral histories.

Contra Costa Newspapers interviewed four people with varying viewpoints who have contributed to the exhibit: Stephen Peck, a Vietnam War veteran now working with homeless vets; Binh Danh, a Bay Area artist who left Vietnam with his family when he was 2 years old; Lois Lundberg, a Republican organizer in Orange County since the 1960s; and Karen Jo Koonan, who led "Stop the Draft Week" in Oakland in 1967.

## Stephen Peck

For a long time, Marine combat veteran Stephen Peck put his war experience behind him. "I'm not sure anyone knew I had been to Vietnam," he says. But in 1990 Peck, then a documentary filmmaker, made two films about veterans, one of them depicting a day in the life of six homeless combat vets living on Venice Beach in Southern California.

That film, "Far From Home," began Peck's career as an advocate for homeless veterans. He is now community development director for the United States Veterans Initiative, which provides transitional housing, counseling and employment assistance for homeless vets at surplus Navy housing in Long Beach. Another project has been set up at a former Air Force base in Riverside.

Peck has provided an oral history for the Oakland Museum exhibit, primarily about the conflicts of a young university student who received his draft notice in the midst of the war. The son of actor Gregory Peck, he was studying film and theater at Northwestern University; he enlisted in the Marine Corps' officer training program and headed for active duty when he graduated.

Peck remembers the "domino

theory" that justified the American presence in Vietnam as part of the larger battle against communism.

"The rationale was that if Vietnam goes, Indonesia goes and pretty soon Australia is communist. It's the same kind of impassioned rhetoric we're hearing about Iraq."

"We went in and sacrificed a lot of lives with a certain rationale and we were proven to be wrong. We lost the war, and Australia is still a democratic society."

"I think if we had really listened to ourselves we wouldn't have gotten into Iraq. If we look back at it, we can't quite put all the pieces together. Did we ask enough questions? Were we carried away by a political agenda?"

One positive change, Peck believes, is that Americans, whether for or against the war in Iraq, support the troops. "This is the major difference from Vietnam, when people were blaming the troops who were coming back for the policy — shaming them. That was tremendously destructive to our generation."

He is hopeful that the Oakland Museum exhibit will do more than explore California's connection with the Vietnam War era.

"When we're involved in a conflict like that with such an unsatisfying end, I think people want to look at it again and try to make some sense out of it," he says. "It's like looking at an old mystery. Maybe we can put events together in a way we haven't been able to before, now that we have some distance from it."

## Binh Danh

"My parents really never talked about the Vietnam War — it was a very dark subject," says Binh Danh. "I kind of grew up knowing about it from the Hollywood movies."

Now a 26-year-old artist, Danh was born in Vietnam in 1977, two years after the fall of Saigon signaled the end of the war.

His family fled the country as refugees in 1979, lived in a refugee camp in Malaysia for a year, obtained asylum in the United States and immigrated in the early 1980s to San Jose, where he still lives.

"When I think about it, my experience is very universal to this country," Danh said. "The first boat people were the Pilgrims."

Four years ago Danh returned to Vietnam, traveling from north to south on his own, meeting much of his family for the first time.

"It was very emotional, and it was a culture shock. I was a foreigner in Vietnam. Some folks I met didn't even think I was Vietnamese. It was like growing up in the United States, the feeling of not being accepted, although not so much in the Bay Area — I can say I'm 100 percent at home."

His trip to Vietnam was the source of many ideas for his art — such as photographic images of war printed on tropical leaves — and especially the work he created for the Oakland Museum exhibit, "The Implosion of Souls."

"I wanted to find a commonality among all the sides fighting in the Vietnam War — the North, the South, the Americans," he says. "It's not political at all. It's showing the universality of war." Printing images on leaves reaffirms the Vietnamese people's traditional connection to the land, as well as, he says, the fact that "everything is being recycled back into the cosmos."

Danh — although he was born after the Vietnam War — suggests the conflict has left two major legacies.

"One is this diaspora of Vietnamese, living all over the globe now. Being a Vietnamese-American, that's pretty dramatic. When I was in Vietnam I thought,

clusively for the Spaniards.

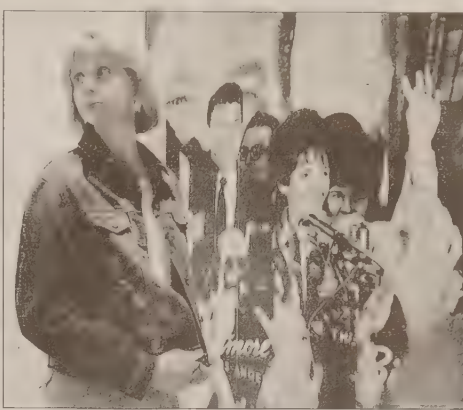
In Mexico today, charrería is still reserved for the elites, not by law, but because the sport is expensive. A rabbit felt sombrero can cost more than \$500, and some of the horses are adorned with thousands of dollars worth of silver.

But charrería is being practiced by Mexican Americans of all classes. In fact, charreadas differ significantly from their American rodeo counterparts in that no money changes hands at the events. The prize is a trophy, and "it's judged on elegance and grace of movement and skill, not on speed and timing," says Hafleigh.

Henry Franco's dream of preserving this slice of his cultural heritage has come true. Today, a third generation of Francos is involved in charreadas. His son Marcos Franco is the vice president of the National Federation of Charros, and the Franco team, called Hacienda Valle de Sunol frequently ranks near the top of the international championship list.

Of charrería, Ken Franco, son of Henry and Anita, says simply, "It's in your blood and heart."

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**CURATOR MARCIA EYMANN**, with a photo of newly elected Gov. Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, says it's still difficult to view the Vietnam War era "without putting our own personal feelings into it."

what if my parents never decided to leave the country? What would my life be like?"

The other lasting effect is the activism that developed in the era.

"The political attitude in the '60s, the 'power to the people' was amazing," Danh says. "Not only in America but in Vietnam itself, and all around the globe. The biggest legacy was not just the movement against the war, but all these other movements — civil rights, the women's movement, American Indians, gays and lesbians. Because of the Vietnam War, this feeling of empowerment could develop."

## Lois Lundberg

The reflection of Lois Lundberg's life at the Oakland Museum is a reminder that the exhibit is not all about men in uniform, anti-war protesters and Vietnamese who settled in America.

Lundberg has been a proud, dedicated Republican leader in Orange County for decades. She has contributed to the displays everything from campaign material to a polka-dot dress she wore to Republican volunteer gatherings.

"Technically, Richard Nixon got us out of Vietnam," Lundberg says. She remembers watching war coverage on television with her late husband, a military reservist who said the United States was doing it all wrong. "I wasn't against us being there," Lundberg says. "I was against us not winning the war."

She recalls clearly those "radical days" of anti-war protests and flag burnings. "The more that element was displayed, the more patriotic the opposition became. The 'silent majority' was not so silent. In 1972 when I was working with the Committee to Re-Elect the President, I had 5,000 volunteers."

The radical left encouraged the extreme right, "ultra-ultra conservatives" such as the John Birch Society, but Lundberg says she never aligned herself with those elements. Naturally, she

was a supporter, and friend, of Ronald Reagan's. "I consider myself — and I'll borrow from my current president — a responsible conservative."

In that era, Lundberg was most outraged by the treatment of troops returning from Vietnam. "They came home and they were treated as if they were criminals. It was disgraceful!" Now America is more united supporting troops serving in Iraq, she believes, but "the number of Vietnam veterans still suffering today" may be that war's lasting legacy.

"Vietnam is a terrible blot on our history," she says. "We must remember history in order to try not to repeat it."

## Karen Jo Koonan

There's a dramatic photo in the Oakland Museum exhibit showing about two dozen anti-war protesters sitting on the sidewalk, blocking the entrance of the Oakland Induction Center downtown on Clay Street during Stop the Draft Week in October 1967.

In retrospect, they look well-dressed and well-groomed, and a young woman sitting cross-legged in the front row, wearing knee-high boots, holds a sign hand-lettered with one of the iconic statements of the era: "Hell No, We Won't Go!"

Karen Jo Koonan isn't in that photograph, but she may have been working on another level that morning as a member of the Stop the Draft Week steering committee. "It was the coming together of a lot of anti-war forces that summer," Koonan recalls. "We were moving from protest to resistance, from 'hell no, we won't go' to 'hell no, nobody goes.'"

By the end of the week, there were 10,000 people blocking the streets of downtown Oakland, she estimates. It was one of the major confrontations of the anti-war movement in the Bay Area.

Koonan, who began volunteering in the early 1960s in the South, helping black people register to vote, was by then a full-

## RELATED EVENTS

Public programs are planned throughout the six-month run of "What's Going On?" Here is the schedule for September and October. Free with museum admission.

■ **"Where Do We Go From Here: Southeast Asian Cultural Legacies."** Sept. 12, 2-4:30 p.m. Cambodian, Mien and Vietnamese artists explore the role of culture in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. Dance, music and spoken-word performances, including the Richmond-based Mien Legends dance troupe.

■ **"A Question of Patriotism: The Chicano and Latino Experiences during the Vietnam War Era."** Sept. 19, 1-4 p.m. Program covers both Chicanos who served in Vietnam and those who participated in the anti-war Chicano Moratorium, and the effects on families and communities.

■ **"In Conversation with Daniel Eilsberg."** Oct. 2, 2 p.m. The man who released the previously secret "Pentagon Papers" in 1969 discusses lessons learned from the Vietnam War. Event in collaboration with Vista Community College in Berkeley.

■ **Symposium.** Oct. 16 and 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Scholars, writers and community members discuss such subjects as "Media and the Shaping of Public Opinion," "The Rise of the Conservative Movement" and "The Sociological Roots and Legacies of Discontent and Change."

■ **Information:** 510-238-2200, www.museumca.org.

time activist. Now she is a trial consultant with the National Jury Project, with an office eight blocks from the site of the Oakland Induction Center.

"We grew up thinking the government would uphold democracy," Koonan says. "Then we saw images of dogs attacking people trying to eat at a lunch counter. But the war wasn't about some misguided, ignorant white people in Mississippi. It was about the system."

"Vietnam was the first time in modern history that the United States was seen by its own citizens, as well as people all over the world, as the oppressor, the aggressor."

"My generation started to question the entire system," she says. "That's still an issue for many of us."

Koonan saw Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" recently and found that many images connected her with the Vietnam War era. The debate continues.

"We as a society really have to question the government's motives when it embarks on a war like this in someone else's country, in a country that hasn't attacked us," she says.

"This just cannot be accepted as the prerogative of the government. When it gets to some point, people are going to say, 'You can't do this in our name.'"

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## Charrería

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another Hafleigh has been practicing charrería and rodeo techniques for 10 years. "I'm a woman myself, Hafleigh says in Phoenix "back when you would ride your horse to work." She was charmed with the art of the Franco family. "They take pride in it, because it comes from their heritage," she says. "It's very much about community much about family."

Hafleigh's Peralta Hacienda, a recently displayed, is a symbol of the nearly-buried pre-Gold Rush hierarchy of California power. The Hacienda, as Mexican settlers called it, held enormous tracts of land granted by the Spanish king. Luis Maria Peralta received a gift in 1820: nearly 10,000 acres, spreading from El Estero de San Leandro. The family became fabulously wealthy by ranching the area.

A wave of change swept through the Bay Area in the mid-19th century. The Gold Rush drew white prospectors to the area, promising of



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**BILL MANN**  
Multimedia Notes

## Feeling a bit peevisish, are we?

**Y**OUR CAR-RADIO preset buttons are the automotive equivalent of the TV remote control. I use them constantly, especially during irritating commercials, of which there are many. I hope and trust you do, too.

Much is made of obnoxious TV commercials. But radio ads can be just as bad. Here are a few of the most egregious offenders now running on the radio — most of these are local. (Disclaimer: It's not the quality of any of the products we're discussing here. It's the annoyance quotient of their ads.)

Any of the ubiquitous Sleep Train ads, whether they're read by KCBS's Sheryl Raines, a celebrity guest on KGO Radio or by KGO's afternoon team, etc. Armstrong Roofing ads. The phone number, "that's 777, and a 1-2-3-4," is always included, although I've usually tuned out long before these heartfelt testimonials conclude.

That Food-Max "Take It To the Max" jingle. Those current Levitz ads that begin, "Don't even THINK of changing the station!" I not only thought it, I did.

East Bay radio personality Rosie Allen's heart-to-hearts on KGO with Toyota 101 manager Jim Rimmer. "I love it," bubbles the riveting Rosie about Rimmer's exciting new media room. Uh huh. Here's an irritatingly catchy jingle sure to spoil your day: "Quality leisure living ... Patio World." Those ads (often heard on KCBS) for Putnam Buick, Cadillac or whatever ends with Joe P. exhorting listeners to "bring your wife, your car, and your pink slip..." to his lot in Burlingame. The only way to lure me over to Burlingame, Joe, would be to see you get pink-slipped.

And let's not forget those moribund, less-than-sparkling jewelry ads with Tom Shane, who always seems to have just gotten back from Antwerp. The current ad (heard on "Alice") featuring two female airheads oohing and aahing about an upcoming Usher concert. (Remember when ushers didn't get paid in six figures?) In this preternaturally obnoxious ad for AOL Broadband, one young woman says, "We'll have so much fun ..." while the other replies, "sorry about that backstabbing thing." Like, fer sure!

The Wizard-of-Oz-like Larry King selling anything health-related. Larry King??? This goes double for Paul Harvey. That solemnly intoned ad by a jeweler in the Stoneridge Mall that promises we can see "Trista's \$1 million necklace from 'The Bachelor'" in his showroom. Well, at least that'll save us all a trip to the Vatican to see a holy relic!

Those fast-speak Fry's ads that sound something like "256megabyte memory with 17inch LCD monitor and WindowsXP" that come to a screeching halt so that the DJ/announcer can say, "Remember ... your best buys ... are ALWAYS (ray-gun sound effect here) at Fry's." I once got an e-mail from the South Bay radio tinsell who reads these annoying ads. At least the guy has a sense of humor about himself.

Those On-Star ads, which feature robotic-sounding dispatchers solving the usually self-induced motoring problems of what can only be uncharitably described as morons. Many of these distressed souls seem (to me, anyway) like future nominees for Darwin Awards.

**FINALLY, I HEREBY APOLOGIZE ...** to KGO Radio talker Gene Burns for all the unkind things I've called him over the years, such as "droneologist." He's the first one I've heard publicly endorse an end to California's unusual, ridiculous and dangerous traffic laws that allow lane-splitting by motorcyclists.

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**IN THESE PICTURES**, part of her exhibit "Viva la Charrería Mexicana" at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, photographer Heather Hafeigh captures the grace and elegance of the traditional Mexican rodeo.

## The Charrería tradition revisited

■ Photography exhibit documents Mexican equestrian sport full of roping and riding and not for the faint of heart

**Suzanne LaFetra**  
CORRESPONDENT

Silver saddles, jangling spurs and wide-brimmed sombreros often bring to mind the cowboy of the American west, Clint Eastwood types roaming the cactus filled deserts.

But fine horsemanship and roundups weren't born in the USA. Rather, Mexican-style rodeo, or charrería, was absorbed into American culture 150 years ago, when California was still a part of Mexico.

"Viva la Charrería Mexicana" documents the rich traditions of charrería in an exhibition of photographs by Berkeley photographer Heather Hafeigh. The exhibit runs through Sept. 30 at the Peralta Hacienda in Oakland.

Charrería is full of fancy roping and riding and is not for the faint of heart. A team of eight women charge sidesaddle across the keyhole-shaped arena at full gallop in the *Escaramuza*, or Skirmish phase of the highly structured event.

During El Paso de la Muerte,

### EXHIBIT

**WHAT:** "Viva la Charrería Mexicana" an exhibition of photographs by Heather Hafeigh

**WHERE:** Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, 2465 34th Ave., Oakland

**WHEN:** Through Sept. 30, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park hours: 1-3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday and the first Saturday of the month, or by appointment

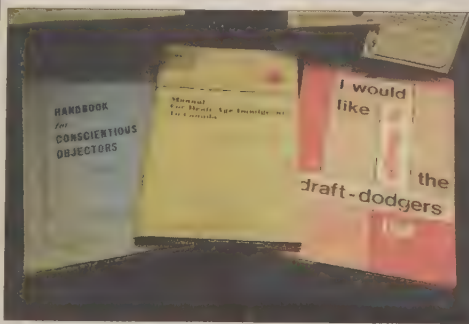
**HOW MUCH:** Free

**INFORMATION:** 510-532-9142 or [www.PeraltaHacienda.org](http://www.PeraltaHacienda.org)

the Pass of Death, a horseman rides bareback at top speed and then leaps onto another galloping wild horse, clinging to its mane. Highly skilled charros show off their horsemanship to crowds across the country.

Charrería is to Mexico what baseball is to the United States, according to Anita Franco, whose family is featured in the exhibition's photographs. Her late husband, Henry Franco, former mayor of Union City, built one of America's first lizenos, or rodeo arenas, in 1974. Anita Franco says they built it to keep their children out of trouble and to teach them about the sport of their home country.

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**INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBIT** on the Vietnam era in California are "draft-dodger" brochures, left, and posters, fliers and buttons from Ronald Reagan's campaign for governor.

## Vietnam War perspectives in Oakland

■ Oakland exhibit offers diverse voices who recall the conflict nearly three decades after its end

**By Robert Taylor**  
STAFF WRITER

In 1975, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said that Americans needed "to put Vietnam behind us and concentrate on the problems of the future." Today, he is one of the few political figures not chattering on talk shows about the Vietnam-style "quagmire" that does or does not continue in Iraq, or about Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's Vietnam War record.

"The huge schisms that were created by the war haven't been

repaired," says Marcia Eymann, curator of an exhibit at the Oakland Museum of California that examines the era from many perspectives.

"It's like death to us with all of the stages of grief going on," Eymann adds. "We're not finished."

The Oakland Museum exhibit "What's Going On? — California and the Vietnam Era," opens Aug. 28 and continues for an unprecedented six months, with public events that include a performance by a Southeast Asian dance troupe from Richmond and a conversation with Daniel Ellsberg, whose release of the "Pentagon Papers" in 1969 stirred opposition to the war.

The expansive exhibit isn't just about the war itself, but its effect on California — with a

wider context that begins with the Cold War of the 1950s and includes both liberal and conservative activism, the rise of Ronald Reagan and the resettlement of Vietnamese and other Southeast Asians in the state.

There are photographs and posters from anti-war protests in Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco, as well as mementos of Vietnamese orphans airlifted to America by Oakland-based World Airways.

Even though the Vietnam War ended 29 years ago, it's still living history, Eymann points out, making it a challenge for the museum. "As with any historic period, it takes many years for us to look at it without putting our

### EXHIBIT

■ **WHAT:** "What's Going On? — California and the Vietnam Era"

■ **WHERE:** Oakland Museum of California, Tenth and Oak streets, Oakland

■ **WHEN:** Opens Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, open until 9 p.m. the first Friday of the month, through Feb. 27, 2005. Audio guides will be available in English, Vietnamese and Spanish.

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$13 general, \$9 seniors and students. Admission \$5 general, \$4 seniors the second Sunday of the month. Entrance is staggered to allow a maximum of 200 persons into the exhibit at a time.

■ **CONTACT:** 510-238-2200, [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org)

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HEATHER HAFEIGH CONTRIBUTED



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## Good egg home at M

**T**HEATRE FIRST LESS SINGLES YW in downtown Oakland, has formed a partnership with Mills College on its campus. Creative artistic director and has locked in a deal that continues his work that dare to be

The season of (preview the day) Peter Nichols' dark "Joe Egg." Continues Oct. 17. Chafin is

The story: A severely damaged, dependent child. The Joe Egg. (Is there here in the shape of a cipher?) The pattern an entire life and personalities for her to place the ones she It also makes the caring for her more

"I have wanted this play for a long time. It was one of the plays I ever saw on the left an indelible mark that we could laugh at diversity and struggle something essential to unique power of these

"It's about human everyday heroism. It's the strength of the spirit. And we can some of that right now

The cast includes Vance and Cynthia (first seen as a couple) at FIRST "Love and Standing" two seasons, and — making her stage debut — Miriam (daughter of Howard and Nancy Carlin)

Theatre FIRST has moved up to a full on with Actors Equity and taken on a production grant-writer that's a cost increase, but Chafin "We are looking forward meeting the challenge an important step along way of becoming our own professional company

The second show is son is the U.S. premiere Guillermo Verdecchia "terras Americanas," an exploration of the Latin experience as seen by a Mexican living in Canada alter ego, a stereotyping wit named Widdow Jan. 21-Feb. 13, 2005

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Oh, yes. There's in the house. Or is gumshoe finally their hands and takes — bly — to drink

As they say, you're led, teased, tripped and tricked — but you guess the ending

Certain times are days and Saturdays on Sept. 5, 19 and 26 are \$13. (That's spots) 510-232-4031.

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Section D

MERYL JOHNSON  
Down the Road

## One of year ers many bargains

Traditional model-year season is almost here. Personal wisdom says consumers who are car shopping wait a few more weeks for the best deals. Personal wisdom is being tested as dealers stagger their new-car launches. Deals can be found at different times of the year. In the traditional September and October time frame, the car market is hot. The McCreedy, director, price-analyst and market analysis at cars.com, a leading one-stop car-shopping service in Los Angeles.

There are slim pickings when it comes to some vehicles that are about to be redesigned. And some are quite low. Direct is highlighting four in particular as exceptional because they are rarely seen as they are now and because they are getting low. They are the 2004 Honda Civic, Toyota Tacoma, Ford Focus and Chevrolet Corvette. And to be cars people may look over during the McCreedy said. "So, if you want to wait for the deal to come and maybe it will, but you may not get the color, or the interior, and may

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MOTOR MATTERS

THE 2005 CADILLAC STS has the new, distinctive Cadillac bold, chiseled-edge look. This styling will invite you to do a slow walk around the car to inspect every inch.

## 2005 Cadillac STS destined to lead the pack

There's a car coming to market that will make other manufacturers envious of Cadillac. It's the 2005 STS, a sedan with outstanding performance, plus exceptional quality and reliability.

The reason I consider the STS to be reliable is partially based on where it is made: The Lansing Grand River Assembly. This plant has just received the J.D. Power and Associates Gold Medal Award for the best assembly plant in North and South America.

Having toured this plant, I saw the latest innovations of assembly

line procedures. For example, the paint is applied with extreme care only after the metal is meticulously cleaned then dipped into a primer. Components are assembled with minute precision, leading me to conclude that quality and reliability are of paramount concern with the STS.

Performance also grabbed my attention. Zero to 60 mph in less than 6 seconds for a full-size, five-passenger sedan is remarkable. My tester had a Northstar 4.6-liter V8 engine producing 320 horsepower. The STS is also available with 3.6-

### TOM KEANE

Keane on Wheels

liter V-6 engine (base price \$40,295), but if you want to compete with the best European and Asian cars, the STS V8 (base price \$47,495) is the way to go. The STS will begin arriving at dealerships this fall.

My tester also had rear-wheel drive, which handles like a dream. For snow-covered roads, all-wheel drive is another choice. Regardless,

every STS includes StabiliTrak, a system that assists the driver to maintain control on wet, snow-covered roads, tight turns, and during evasive maneuvers.

This beauty has anti-lock brakes, plus traction control. And if the car senses the driver is in a panic stop, it applies full braking immediately.

Incidentally, the wheels are wrapped with 17- or 18-inch Michelin tires.

But the mechanicals weren't the first thing to grab my attention, it was the design. The STS has the new and distinctive Cadillac bold,

chiseled-edge look. This styling gave me good cause to do a slow walk around the car to inspect every inch, including such features as stacked headlamps and light-emitting diode taillamps. When I opened the doors, I could see how that same appearance is carried inside.

The STS is a large sedan with plenty of room for front and rear passengers. A touch of wood on the steering wheel, dash panel and the center console is set off by mar-

and dent-resistant aluminum.

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# Proud owner says: 'This 1953 Plymouth is definitely not for sale'

Elijah Williams wasn't yet a teenager when Plymouth began building 1953 Cambridge models. Since he was years away from a driver's license, he didn't pay any attention to such models on the streets of Kentwood, La., where he lived.

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Nor did he have any idea that in his retirement, he would be driving one.

Until recently, Williams was a manager at Picadilly Cafeteria in Baton Rouge when one day the district manager drove up in a dark forest green 1953 Plymouth Cambridge. The car had belonged to his mother and she had obviously taken great care of it.

"It had been sitting up in a garage about 10 years," Williams says. He also learned that when the original owner died, her son put the Plymouth back on the road.

"I could barely hear the engine running," Williams recalls, referring to the 217.8-cubic-inch L-head six-cylinder engine. He informed his district manager that he would like that car if he wanted to sell it. In the summer of 2002, the title changed hands and Williams became the proud owner of a 1953 Plymouth.

"It only needed minor work such as a replacing the radiator, a paint job, a tune-up, new tires and some re-wiring," Williams says.

All the deficiencies were addressed, and with new 6.70x15-inch tires installed with the proper white sidewalls, Williams popped onto the wheels full-wheel covers and took his "new" old car for an inspection. It passed easily and then, he says, "it was ready for the road".

The original owner evidently was looking for no nonsense, economical transportation when she selected the Plymouth. It is a 100-horsepower, two-door sedan weighing in at 2,943 pounds and rolling on a 114-inch wheelbase. That model was very popular with 56,800 manufactured during the model year. The base price of the well-engineered, solid and reliable Plymouth was \$1,727.

From 1949 through 1952 Plymouth had used one basic design. In 1953 a totally new car arrived on the automotive scene. Dramatic fender lines were new, as were a glove compartment in the center of the dashboard, electric windshield wipers and a one-piece windshield. Sales brochures boasted that the driver had "Control tower visibility."

Williams reports the front seat is split two-thirds and one-third for easier access to the rear seat of the two-door car. A 360-degree chrome-plated horn ring adds flash to the interior of the car. "It has a big, old steering wheel," he says.

He notes that the cigarette lighter has never been used. Before the car was repainted a dark forest green, an inspection revealed no dents and no rust spots, a happy Williams says. "It looks almost like it did the day it came off the show-room floor. This car had one owner, and it was well taken care of."

A testament to the care the Plymouth has received is that none of the chrome has needed to be replaced or replated. "The chrome is unreal," Williams says. He also reports that "it doesn't use much gas." Highway mileage figures between 20 and 23 miles per gallon on regular gasoline.

Refueling is somewhat awkward with the gas cap mounted on the vertical valance below the trunk lid.



A 217.8-CUBIC-INCH L-HEAD six-cylinder engine drives this sleek beauty: a 1953 Plymouth Cambridge.

The speedometer has a top speed reading of 110 mph. "I have had it up to 80 mph and it wasn't breathing hard at all," he says. He couldn't believe how easily the car reached that extra-legal speed and quickly reined it back to legal limits. The biggest problem he en-

countered was the horn that needed to be hooked up. He never fails to be amazed at how it runs so smoothly.

"Everything on the car works perfectly," Williams says.

"This beauty has only 80,000 miles on it," Williams says. "When

I am on the road the people look, look, look. Needless to say, when I stop, people often ask questions about the history of the car, and the last question is, 'Would you like to sell it?'"

"Of course the answer is always no ma'am, no sir, not for sale."

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## New Granturismo 200L from Vespa offers great escape

Vespa, an Italian motor scooter that began life in 1946, is manufactured by the Piaggio company of Tuscany, Italy. It first came to the U.S. in 1951, reigning supreme as two-wheeled transportation that was not only economical, but great fun to ride.

Vespa rapidly became one of Italy's national symbols, as

Riding a Vespa is simple and easy. Easier in fact, than riding a motorcycle.

various cargo racks to supplement the standard aft platform, and passenger seat back. There's also a line of logo apparel.

The seat unlocks and raises to uncover a large removable storage well (with enough room for two open-face helmets) and the gas filler. Removing the bin provides engine access. Additional locking storage is located just ahead of the rider, in a hinged glove box.

Full instrumentation includes a speedometer with trip odometer, a fuel gauge with low fuel warning light, a non-canceling turn signal switch with illuminated, flashing directional indicators, a horn button, headlamp beam switch and indicator, an engine kill switch, and even a digital clock. A fork lock also activates locking of the storage areas. A handy circular hook on the forward panel may be used for hanging bags or helmets.

**SUMMARY:** Riding a Vespa is simple and easy. Easier in fact, than riding a motorcycle. A motorcycle license is required in most states for scooters with a 150cc or larger motor. Either of the brakes must be applied with the ignition key and engine switch on before the starter button will engage. The sleekly styled Vespa Granturismo exhibits a European design flair, with exceptional balance, not only in terms of design elements, but in riding characteristics as well. The

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Tuscany leather seats, that are both heated and ventilated, give the car a very inviting appearance. When I inspected the close tolerance fit-and-finish, it validated why the Lansing plant received the Gold Award.

The STS is loaded with desirable amenities, one of which is keyless access. The doors lock and unlock automatically as you approach or walk away from the car with the keys in your pocket (or purse).

You can also pre-start it from 200 feet away so the car is warmed up (or cooled down) by the time you are ready to get in it.

Start the car by simply pushing a button.

It also has adaptive cruise. The annoyance of getting too close to a slower moving vehicle when cruise control is engaged is now eliminated by a radar sensor that keeps you a safe driving distance away.

A high performance lighting system, plus IntelliBeam, negates the need for high/low beam control. Another desirable STS feature is a 15-speaker Bose surround sound system.

Best of all, the interior is exceptionally quiet — except when the car is under hard acceleration. But the sound of the engine accelerating is exhilarating. Wait till October and take a test-drive I'm sure you'll agree.

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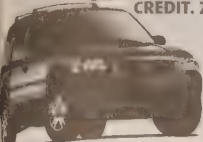


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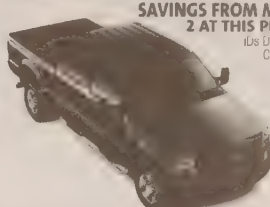
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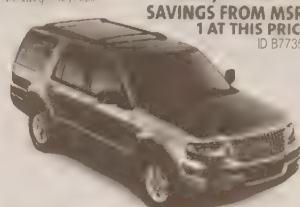
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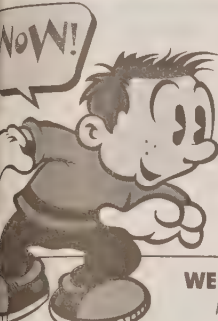
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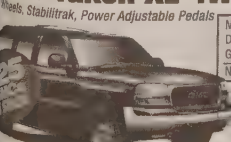
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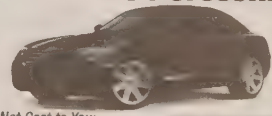
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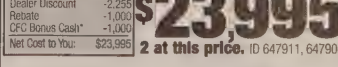
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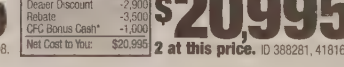
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not get the options you wanted," he said.

The 2005 Odyssey is redesigned and supplies of the 2004 model are thin at 32 days, McCready said. That means it will take 32 days to sell the existing stock of Odysseys at the current rate of sales.

(Note: All supply numbers are as of August 1.)

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Mark McCready  
CarsDirect

Toyota is introducing a new Tacoma compact pickup truck this fall and supplies of the 2004 model are running at 48 days. The Odyssey has factory-to-dealer incentives and the Tacoma has cash-back offers that vary by region from \$500 to \$1,000.

New Corvettes and Mustangs are coming in the fall. The outgoing Corvette has "a fantastic program of \$3,000 in customer cash or zero percent financing up to 60 months," McCready said.

"The Corvette is usually not discounted at all. So someone can get into a Corvette for a lot less money than they could have a couple years ago."

The supply of Corvettes is running at 41 days. The remaining 2004 Mustangs come with \$2,500 cash-back deals, McCready said. "If you want a Mustang convertible, the 2004 is your last chance to get one until they release a new one, which they won't be doing immediately," he said. The supply of Mustangs is running at 104 days.

Although not in the top four, two others that are important are the Chevrolet Cavalier and Pontiac Grand Am. "We are already seeing fantastic deals on both of them, and I think the better deals are going to wait just a little bit," McCready said.

The Cavalier is going to be retired later this year and replaced with the Cobalt. The Grand Am will be phased out and replaced with the new G6 sedan.

In addition to 2004 inventory of those two vehicles, General Motors will produce a limited number of 2005 models.

Consumers who want a 2004 Cavalier will find deals of up to \$3,500 cash, plus up to \$1,000 in bonus cash with GMAC financing, McCready said. The 2005 models come with deals of up to \$2,500 cash-back, plus up to \$500 in bonus cash with GMAC financing.

The supply of Grand Ams is running at 61 days. Deals on 2004 models are \$3,500 cash with up to \$1,500 bonus cash with GMAC financing.

On 2005 models the deal is up to \$1,500 cash, according to McCready. Whether the deals on the 2005 models improve will depend on how many of them are produced, he said.

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## Layered approach best for thwarting car thieves

BY RICK POPELY

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Remove the key from the ignition.

That would seem to be a no-brainer. But it tops the list of theft-prevention measures suggested by the insurance industry, indicating it happens often.

No one tracks how many of the 1.25 million cars stolen last year had the keys in the ignition. Perhaps the guilty are too embarrassed to admit it.

"If your car was stolen, and it was unlocked with the keys in the ignition, what are you going to tell the insurance company?" asks Mike Liesman, an analyst with the Chicago-based National Insurance Crime Bureau, which works with insurers and law enforcement to combat insurance crime.

But an insurance company will discover the truth if the car is re-

covered with a factory-made key and no damage to the locks or windows.

"There's enough of them out there who don't heed sound advice or are just lazy. They'll only be running into a store for a minute, but they don't want their car to get hot during the summer, so they leave it running," said Rodney Fisher, manager of State Farm's special investigations unit in the Chicago area.

Nevertheless, State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurer, and other companies pay claims from car owners who roll out the red carpet for thieves.

"You're not going to become near and dear to your customers by calling them stupid," Fisher said. "But if we believe that due to their behavior, they are no longer a reasonable risk, we may decline to insure them."

Another common mistake is

stashing a valet key in the center console or glove box.

"Like the thieves don't know this? They can throw a brick through a window, and if they find the valet key, they're gone," Fisher said.

To prevent thefts, the NICB recommends adding obstacles for a thief.

"Like water, they take the path of least resistance. Most will just steal the vehicle that is easiest," Liesman said.

■ The first layer is to remove all keys, lock the doors and park in well-lit or secure areas.

■ The second includes vehicle alarms and steering-wheel locks.

■ The third is an engine immobilizer that prevents a car from starting without the proper computer-coded key, a feature that's standard or optional on many new vehicles.

■ A final layer is a vehicle-track-

the passenger just beneath the seat, which is a little short for two large adults, forcing the driver forward, compromising balance somewhat. But the GranTurismo does have an advantage: It runs on regular unleaded gasoline.

Replenishing my test scooter's tank from less than 1/4 tank cost only \$4.24, even at today's outlandishly high rates.

The freeway legal GranTurismo provides an extended range allowing one to escape the urban environment. Scooters may not be construed as "macho" machines by many observers, but women love their look and simplicity. Scooter riding imparts a feeling of freedom and indepen-

dence, while at the same time giving one the sense of making a contribution to preservation of the environment.

Vespa boutiques, where you may obtain your own Vespa and gear, are open across the U.S. More information may be gained about this lovable scooter from the Vespa Web site: [www.vespausa.com](http://www.vespausa.com)

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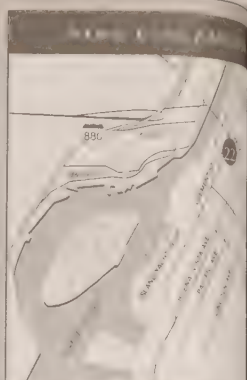
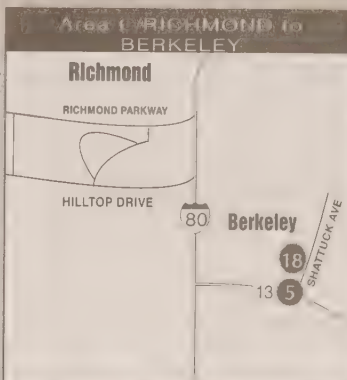
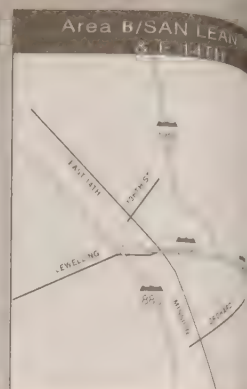
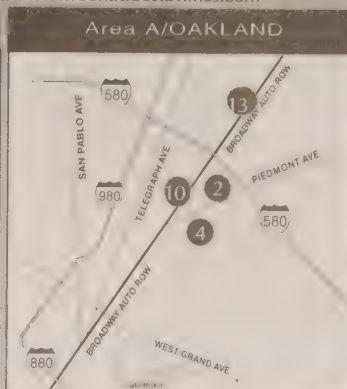
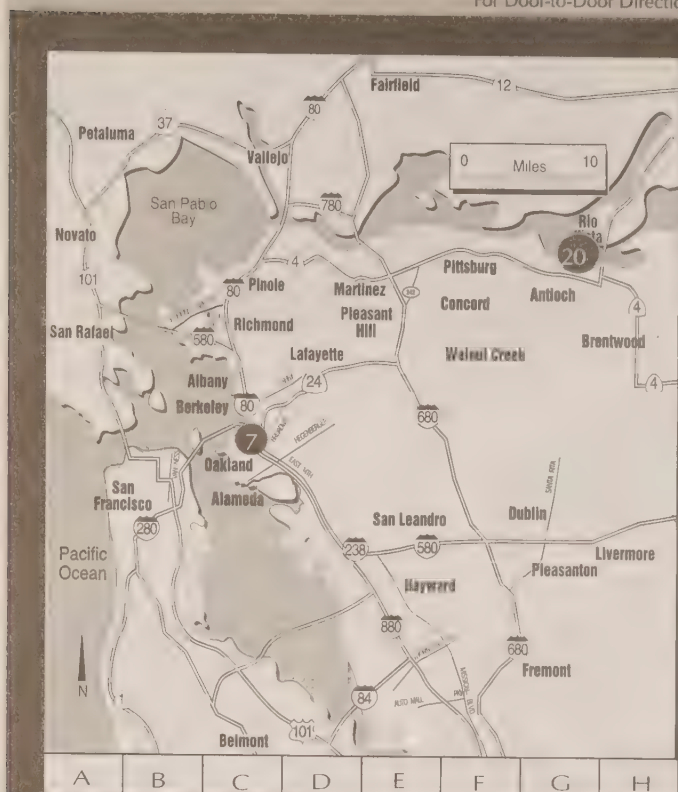
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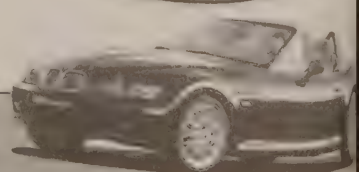
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<p><b>Back to School Sale</b> Sat. 7:00 - 7:00. Kids clothes (2-10), 50% off. Toys, books, toys, dishes, and more!</p>	<p><b>Brentwood</b> Multi-Family 8/21 8-7/22 8am-4pm Sat &amp; Sun 596 Walnut St. #153 Rehoboth, CT Toys, camp, gear, beach, items</p>	<p><b>Concord</b> SATURDAY 8/21, 9-3PM 4419 Water Oak Ct. (The Crossings) Dishwasher, couch, kid/adult clothes, toys, weather &amp; dryer</p>	<p><b>Lafayette</b> INCREDIBLE DESIGNER FURN. ESTATE SALE Items incl. a 50" tv, 1987 Mustang, 1987 Shadow, 1008 ml. Whirlpool Café, weather &amp; dryer</p>	<p><b>Martinez</b> SUNRISE RIDGE COMMUNITY SALE Over 25 homes Sat. 8/21 9am-3pm 4419 Water Oak Ct. Early Birds Welcome!</p>	<p><b>Oakley</b> MOVING SALE!! NAME YOUR OWN PRICE!! Early Birds Welcome!</p>	<p><b>Pleasanton</b> BLOCK SALE Sat. Only, Aug 21, 8am-12noon 360 Grand Court (off 1st &amp; Grand)</p>	<p><b>Richmond</b> MULTI-FAM. Block Sale Garvin @ 36 Fri. &amp; Sat. 7-9 35th @ Solano Aug. 20, 21 9am-4pm Moving Trunks, appals, books, dishes, more!</p>	<p><b>Walnut Creek</b> ALMOST NEW... baby gear, kids home decor tables, landscape, lawn furniture, stuff, CHEAP! 2000 Siratton Rd.</p>
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<b>COMMUNITY SALE</b> SAT/SUN 8-3pm 3600 WARBLE Drive Clothes, shoes, miscellaneous items, misc furniture	<b>MULTI FAMILY SALE</b> SAT/SUN 9am-3pm 1701 N. HAN RD. Lots of goodies, <b>cheap</b> household furn., toys, clothes, shoes, Sodas & Nachos <b>NO EARLY BIRD</b> SATURDAY 8am-1pm	<b>SUMMER SALE</b> 2412 Hickory Dr. Toys, clothes, tools & misc. item.	<b>YARD SALE</b> SAT 10-4pm 414 BOYS SOCCER TEAM SAT 8/21 Barn to Farm, New Cars, Trucks, Hills & Springhill Rd. Produce, etc.	<b>U.S. ESTATE LTD.</b> Sat. & Sun. 10-4pm Intersection, Maps at the end of I-191 9750 Starflower Dr. Multi-family sale-Sun 8/21-8/22 8a-3p Furn., houseware, toys, Furn., hshd., items, books, records, tools, rocks, fishing, lots of misc.	<b>MOVING GARAGE SALE</b> 9008 Baseler Dr. (off Vineyard) Fri. & Sat. 8am-2pm W/d, tñt, chrs. Master card, books, records, clothes & items & misc. hshd. goods	<b>BETHESDAHOOD</b> GARAGE SALE 5531 S. 2nd St. Saturday & Sunday Jewelry, music, books, many good things.	<b>ANTIQUATE SALE</b> Fri./Sat 8am-3pm Oak tables, chairs, pic- tures, frames, prints, mirrors, lamps, glass, glass, handblown, jewel-
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**DOWNLOADING SALE**  
Sat & Sun, 8/21-22  
13800 Highway 101, N.  
319 Cascade Ctr.  
Don't miss this  
Heritage to Cascade)  
If I don't have to you  
need it.  
**ESTATE SALE**  
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**Castro Valley**  
**ESTATE SALE**  
Late Dreyers Ice  
cream, 2000+ antique  
wife, avid collectors of  
books, records, and  
periodic household furn.  
Sat. & Sun. 8/21-22  
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**Oakland**  
**1st GENERATION SALE**  
8145 Phetion Dr.  
Sat. & Sun. 8/21-22  
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**Garage Sale**  
Sat. 8/21, 9am-3pm  
1223 Corners  
Antiques & Collecti-  
bles, furniture, house-  
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**San Pablo**  
**Antiques & Collecti-  
bles**  
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<p><b>SALE</b> SAT. 8/21, 7AM-2PM 2925 CAMB RD. (off Hillside) Household furnishings, Horse Equipment, computer motorcycle parts, tools, etc. SAT. 8/22nd 2925 Camb Rd. Hillside</p>	<p><b>HORSE SALE</b> FRI. (8/20) &amp; SAT. (8/21) 8:00-12:00 Noon 412 Wawona lane Hillside collectible brick crack hobby items, MIB toys and tools.</p>	<p><b>MOVING SALE</b> Furn., refig. equip. of misc. items, kids stuff, furn. refig. equip. SAT. ONLY, 8:30-5PM lease, No Early Birds Furn., refig. equip. clothing, clothing</p>	<p><b>MOVING SALE</b> 892 Oak Hill Dr. Bab's items, home de- cor, some electronics, and household goods Shop tools, furn. hshd items, toys &amp; games.</p>	<p><b>MOVING SALE</b> 981 De Caen Ct SAT. ONLY, 8:30-5PM lease, No Early Birds Furn., refig. equip. clothing, clothing</p>	<p><b>RESTATE SALE</b> SAT. 8/22, 9-12 AM 4440 Florence Ave. 2533 SILVERCREST CT Furn. housewares, appliances, cleaning</p>	<p><b>Pinole</b> 50 family var- sale, that's right SAT. 8/21, 10-4pm Chorus is having its second annual yard sale. It will be Sat. 8/21 at Lynwood Meth- odist Church, 44421 Black Avenue off Highway 101, Pinole</p>	<p><b>Garage Sale</b> SAT. 8/21, 9am-2pm 4671 Thunderbolt Pl Sporting goods, books, stereo, refig., BBQ &amp; more!</p>	<p><b>GIGANTIC SALE</b> Years of collecting SAT. 8/21, 10-4pm 2049 Cecil Ave. W.C. Edm. furn. Chairs, fishb. items, house- hold items, misc. shel- ves, Tupperware, toys, etc.</p>
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**MOVING SALE**  
Saturday 8/21, 9-11 pm  
2024 Steven S.

(St. Prewett Ranch)  
Clothing, home  
decor, furniture,  
No early birds

**CRYSTAL RANCH**  
Bunked sets w/ 2  
exercise equip, hshld,  
garden items, etc.,  
cat tables, clothing,  
books, gently  
used items & more.  
Maps available at  
Bollinger Woods

**EL CERRITO**  
500 MILL CANYON RD  
Held items, lamps  
Sat 8/21, 9-11 pm  
misc. No Early Birds  
No silverware and Rolling  
pin

**2137 CASTRO ST.**  
FRIDAY, 10-4pm  
No Silverware or enter.  
ctr & small entertain  
ment

**MONTEVUE**  
August 21, 8-10  
6200 S. 1st St.  
Books, turn, Garden  
Books, turn, Garden  
equip, freezer  
cup, hshld.  
misc. Kids clothes  
Kitchen, Toys  
Women's clothes  
Luggage, etc.  
No Early Birds

**WALNUT CREEK**  
Kingswood  
Sat 8/21, 9-11 pm  
Saws, sporting  
discs, dive gear, cust  
dark green, sports  
equipment  
Clinton & Roosevelt  
t-shirt, 11.11.11  
VCR, micro, 56 Fiber  
glasses, 1000000  
women's clothes

**MOVING SALE**  
Sat 8/21, 9-11 pm  
Books, toys, clothes,  
coll, shif, apply  
82 Oak Knoll Lane  
Apparel, turn, turn  
Sat & Sun, 8-4  
Fairground  
Angelina @ McGure

**MOVING SALE**  
Sat 8/21, 8am-4pm  
8/21 DAY OF  
women's clothes

**Walnut Creek**

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<p><b>HOUSE</b> SAT 8/21 9am to 3pm 2817 SUNFLOWER DR Household items, misc. toys, books, parts, piano, and more! <b>NO EARLY BIDS!</b></p>	<p><b>NEW ITEMS EACH DAY!</b> SAT 8/21 9am to 3pm &amp; Sun. 10am-7 Bookcases, generator, small refrigerator, lawn mower, records, kitchen chair and more! <b>NO EARLY BIDS!</b></p>	<p><b>2 FAMILY SALE!</b> Something for everyone, including tools, a Bdrm Furn. Bookcases, and more! <b>NO EARLY BIDS!</b></p>	<p><b>95 COLTON LN</b> (off Morelle) <b>SAT. ONLY 8am-2pm</b> Two household items, toys, and more! <b>NO EARLY BIDS!</b></p>	<p><b>MOVING SALE</b> Furn., antiques, misc. items, and more! <b>NO EARLY BIDS!</b></p>	<p><b>1814 HAWTHORNE DR.</b> Saturday, 8/21 8-12pm Furniture, AC, PAX mattress, and more! Signs in directions</p>	<p><b>2-FAMILY SALE!</b> SAT 8/21 8-12pm 2407 Dapplegary Lane Furniture, AC, PAX mattress, and more! Signs in directions</p>
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**413 Tradewinds Ct.**  
Furniture, adult/baby clothes, & more!  
**MULTI-FAMILY SALE**  
Saturday, 9:00 - 3:00  
1953 Calaveras Dr.  
Solano, Housewares, Christmas Decor, toys, structure, baby items, misc.  
**4175 FAIRWOOD DR.**  
Saturday, 8:00 - 3:00  
Exercise equip., toys, jewelry, videos, play structure, baby items, furniture, housewares, linens & more!  
**4053 Via De Flores**  
Saturday, 8:00 - 1:00  
China, kid's toys, furn., exercise equipment, and household items  
**FAMILY YARD SALE!**  
Saturday, 8:00 - 1:00  
Furniture, housewares, hardware, hshd items, toys, elect. & more!  
Fri 7:00-7am to 3pm  
SAT 8:12 am to 4pm  
**4053 Via De Flores**  
Saturday, 8:00 - 1:00  
China, kid's toys, furn., exercise equipment, and household items  
**35 ROSE CIRCE**  
**SATURDAY, 8-12PM**  
Furniture, collectibles, antiques, kitchenware, jewelry & misc.  
**HOUSEWARE SALE**  
8/21, 8am-3pm  
ST. CHARLES' QUICH  
Corner of Mountain & 35th  
Furn, apparel, hshd, foods, misc & more!  
MORE! 1141 Julian Way  
SAT & SUN: 9-4PM  
**ANTIQUE SALE**  
**113 LUELLA DRIVE**  
Fri & Sat, 7-1PM  
Furn, teaching supplies, baby items

<p>pen, porta crib, etc. much more!</p> <p><b>SAT 9am-2pm</b>  <b>250 RIVERSIDE DRIVE</b>  <b>Appleby's, tools, canoe &amp; much more!</b></p>	<p>spa, robes, boat toys, swim clothes &amp; more!</p> <p><b>ALLI HILSON'S COURT</b>  <b>Sat/Sun Aug 21/22</b>  <b>9AM-3PM</b>  <b>Household items, clothes, office furn., appls, cookware, sports equipment and misc.</b></p>	<p>lots of kids stuff  <b>Everything Must Go!</b>  <b>We're Moving!</b>  <b>Sun 8/22, 8am-4pm</b>  <b>3501 Canfield St.</b></p> <p><b>MOVING SALE</b>          Cratichic bed, some antiques, etc. etc. 12 noon-7 pm</p>	<p><b>WADSWAY SALE</b>  <b>222 Sharon Ct.</b>  <b>Sat Only 8am-2pm</b>  <b>Clothes, books, tools, electronics, household items &amp; misc.</b></p>	<p><b>PRIMAWARE SALE</b>  <b>BY LAWRENCE</b>  <b>BY TOOLE</b>  <b>3701 HIGH ST.</b>  <b>Gym Below Church</b>  <b>SAT. 9-6pm</b></p>	<p>Keller Kod. Off of 580. No Preview.  <b>Benefits Kairos Outside.</b></p> <p><b>GARAGE SALE</b>  <b>418 Odin Dr</b>  <b>Saturday Only! 9-2pm</b>  <b>turniture household misc, etc</b></p> <p><b>Garage Sale 8/21-22</b></p>
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**2816 College Avenue**  
**Sat Aug 21 - Sat Aug 22 9-4pm**  
 Nice iron brd, donated  
 from Earthscape.  
 Slater Marlboro® & the  
 other slater's gifts.  
 Items, all proceeds to  
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 Sat: Only, 8am-3pm  
 930 Clarkson Ct. (at  
 Gladwin, nr. Bancroft)  
 Kids bikes, toys, hshld.  
 items, refrig., twin  
 matts, etc.

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 SATURDAY ONLY 8 AM  
 TO 4 PM

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 Bargains galore!  
**SAT 8/21 8am to 4pm**  
**3915 Maple Ave.**  
 Rototiller, mountain  
 bikes, hard & power  
 tools, CD's, DVD's,  
 misc. chrl. equip., Exer-  
 cise and lots of misc.

**GIGANTIC SALE!!!**  
 8/20 - 8/22 8m - 6p  
 947 Center Court  
 Appliances, Books  
 Collections Com-  
 puter equip., Exer-  
 cise matt., Glass-

**Bargain Sale**  
 1912 Leslie Dr P.H.  
 Bkr Dryer Glasswa-  
 rehshld. items, Kids  
 clothes Kitchenware  
 Toys Women's clothes  
 Lots of misc. Contra  
 Costa Blvd to Dorsey to  
 Leslie

**HABITAT SALE**  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 1000 S. Main St. N.W.  
 8/20/02 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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<p><b>ANCESTRY</b></p> <p>Free, drop desk, display cabinets, glass- ware, trombone, guitar collectibles, Koss 608 cassette player, R.H. Anderson.</p> <p><b>HUGE YARD SALE!</b> To include the oakland jazz chair, sat, 9/21, 3- pm. Call 788-4312. ① Block down from the house.</p>	<p><b>MUSIC SALE!</b> Sunday 8-22/9 9am-5pm Furniture, etc. items, VHS tapes, cassettes and collectibles. Koss 608 No Early Birds Please!</p> <p><b>FAMILY SALE</b> SAT. 9/21 10am-2pm <b>SAT. ONLY, 9-1PM</b> Baby Items! Some fur! Call 788-4312</p>	<p><b>MOVING SALE!</b> SATURDAY 8/21/91 10am-1pm Only Misc furn., applis., decor access., decor items, linens, bedd- ings, etc.</p>	<p>new color TV, stereo what to listen! 500 VIRGINIA HILLS DR SAT. 9/21/91 9am-5pm shoes, household applis., toys, books 3824 WOODBRIDGE AVE. NO EARLY BIRDS</p> <p><b>MULTI-FAMILY SALE</b> 2759 Benson Court SAT. ONLY, 9-1PM Mid-size truck rack &amp; music amp, VW engine block, books, misc. items</p>	<p><b>TWO HOME SALES!</b> 101/108 Echo Ave. off Piedmont Ave. Sat. 9- am to 2 pm. House- hold, garden, furni- ture, misc. child- ren's items</p>	<p><b>JUST MARRIED!</b> Two of Everything. Must go! Couches, bed, fur- niture of all kinds, kitchen stuff, bikes, etc.</p>
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<p>andronics on Shutterbug's 10 tons of GREAT STUFF! Fur, fur coats, clothes, camp- ing gear, ceramics, antiques, etc. Luscious bad goods, too!</p> <p><b>Garage Sale</b> 4644 Sugarland Rd. Saturday 7-10pm Sunday 7-11am Misc. household items</p> <p><b>Brandywine</b></p>	<p><b>Collectibles, Jewels &amp; Lots of Glassware!</b></p> <p><b>Hercules</b></p> <p><b>MOVING SALE</b> 285 So. Wildwood Saturday 7-10pm Sunday Only 8-3pm Antiques to camping equipment, etc. Real Bargains!</p>	<p>excise, excise, some fur, MISCELLANEOUS ren's, crystals, textiles and ethnic crafts.</p> <p><b>MULTI-FAMILY SALE</b> Sat 8-21, 8am-3pm 308 Javo Ct. Furn., baby &amp; kids clothes, baby items, jewelry, men/women's clothes, household, car speakers, etc.</p>	<p><b>Oakley</b></p> <p><b>BLOCK SALE!</b> SATURDAY 8-21, 8-3PM 470 Anvilwood Dr., Bedford</p>	<p><b>MULTI-FAM. SALE</b> 136 Lorenzo Dr. Fri., Sat., &amp; Sun. 8-4pm Musical equip., cos- tumes, furn., Washer, kitchen items, etc. No Early Birds Please!</p>
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**170 Frederic Dr.**  
(off Hwy. 4)  
Fri/Sat 8-3pm  
Hshld. items, clothes,  
furn., & more  
Must go!

**174 Laurian Lane**  
Moving/Estate Sale  
1200 Hillside Ave.  
Appliances/Execu-  
tive furn. Hshld.  
items. Kitchenware  
& more  
McClintock dresses  
lots of misc. No Early  
Bird! Off Solano Ave.  
Must go!

**1801 Hillside Ave.**  
Moving 8/12/82 8-3pm  
Appliances/Execu-  
tive furn. Hshld.  
items. Kitchenware  
& more  
McClintock dresses  
lots of misc. No Early  
Bird! Off Solano Ave.  
Must go!

**SATURDAY 8am-6pm**  
106 AMT ST. DOWNTOWN  
HALLOWEEN PROPS  
Holidays, books, Com-  
puter, hshdware, Misc. Every-  
thing Must go! **CHEAP,**  
**CHEAP, CHEAP, CHEAP**

**Best Prices!**  
No Early Birds.  
Multi Family Yard Sale  
8/12/82 21-2  
Silverwood Drive, Mtz.  
Hshdware, books, Com-  
puter, tables, jewelry,  
Stereo, VCR's videos  
lots of misc. 7 new  
items Center Court to  
Silverwood Dr. Mtz.  
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**Arrowsville Pk.**  
Kahns, Arrowsville  
Clothes, furn., knick-  
knacks, late 1980's  
tong pants and MUCH  
MUCH MORE!

**COURT SALE**  
8/13/82 10am-5pm  
Hshdware, books, Com-  
puter, tables, jewelry,  
Stereo, VCR's videos  
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**SAT/SUN 9am-5pm**  
232 GREENWICH DRIVE  
DIN, seat, baby items,  
oak loft bed, lots more

**SUN 8/22 10am to 5pm**  
232 Greenwich Drive  
Furniture, and lots of

**Mr. Balfour & Rosegate**  
 1747 Kensington Rd.  
 Sat. August 21st 9am-12pm  
 18 Brannon Pl. Bldg. rm.  
 Sun. August 22nd 9am-12pm  
**7am-7pm**  
 Refrig., frid., table, toys, clothes, bike, car seat, stroller and more.  
**BIG MOVING SALE!**  
 974 COUNTRY GLEN LN.  
 Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm

**Kensington**  
**111 KENYON AVENUE**  
**SUNDAY 8/22 9-3pm**  
 Sofa, tables, chairs, dressers, and more exercise bike, kitchen & lots of misc.

**MOVING SALE!**  
 5418 Paso Del Rio Ct.  
 Sat. 8/20 10am-5pm

**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**GARAGE SALE**  
 Sun. August 20th 9am-12pm  
 5635 Wink & Mountain Ct.  
 Sat. 8/21, 7:30-10pm  
 Baby equip. & furn., klt. bds., misc. furn., toys, paintings, tvs, books

**GARAGE SALE**  
 4030 Meadows Lane  
 Saturday Only 9-3pm  
 Child items, clothing, jet ski, tools, lawn-mower, toys, and more.

**LARGE YARD SALE!**  
 Fri. 8/20 & Sat. 8/21  
 10am-5pm

**YARD SALE**  
 112 Pleasant View, Dr off Oak Park  
 Sat. Sun. 8:30-4pm  
 Toys, books, stereo, camera, girls'/baby clothes, Psychology & other books, beads, toys

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**Hippo Garage Sale**  
Sat 8/21 8am-1pm  
1780 Cortez Pl. N.  
Furn, Sporting equip.  
Firewood lots of misc.  
Fairview to San Jose  
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**Multi Family Sale**  
Sat 8/21 8am-2pm  
2172 Karen St.  
Furn, Appliances, misc.  
Some Proceeds  
to San Jose Non-Profit  
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**MUMONGOS Yard Sale!**  
SAT. 9/01 8-4PM  
1000 N. 1st St. (Arlington)  
Furniture, kitchen  
items, various knick  
knacks, books, some  
baby stuff, dog kennel,  
microwave, children's  
toys, many lots more.

**STORAGE & AUCTIONS**  
STUFF 108 Karen Lane  
Cross St. Arthur  
Saturday 7-12pm  
Furniture, kitchen  
items, various knick  
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baby stuff, dog kennel,  
microwave, children's  
toys, many lots more.

**MOVING SALE!!**  
8006 MIGUEL DR.  
SAT. SUN. 8AM-3PM  
Solid Oak Bedroom  
Set, Breakfast table &  
4 chairs, living rm. set,  
kitchen, dining room  
Bikes, and more. Call  
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**2 FAMILY YARD SALE**  
SAT. 8/21 8AM-3PM  
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<p><b>HUGE SALE</b> Sofa, big screen TV, washer, toys, clothing, much more!! <b>SATURDAY 8am-2pm</b> 601 ORANGE COURT Off Balfour</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY 8/14, 9-3pm</b> 2153 Dena Dr. (Olivera to Esperanza to Dena) Furn, hshld items, linens, misc., &amp;more! Everything Must Go! No Good Offer Refused</p>	<p>Westminster-Windsor lots of furts air, appls, many un- opened items!</p>	<p>Mountain Bikes, hand, air, power tools, Harley Davidson Parts, electronics</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY 8AM-2PM</b> Refrigerator, dishes &amp; more. 4280 Mehaffey Way (Empire to West Cypress to Ponderosa to Mehaffey)</p>	<p>comp, tbl, much more!  <b>6259 GIBSON COURT</b> <b>SATURDAY 8am-2pm</b> Designer clothes, knick knacks, party stuff, kitchenware, hol- iday items &amp; more!</p>
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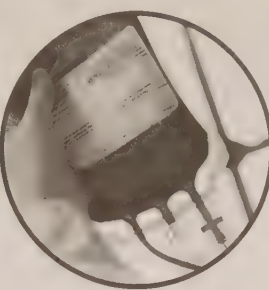
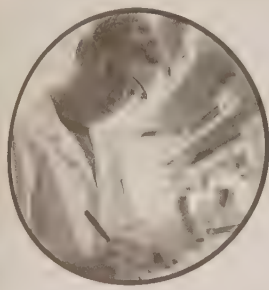
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## DIRECTOR, CLINICAL (MD)

Manage the development and medical monitoring of clinical trials. Design, prepare and initiate study protocols and other required documentation in compliance with project plans, federal regulations, GCP, and good medical practice. Research and select investigators. Analyze and interpret study data and prepare reports for FDA and publication. Requires MD with strong background in infectious diseases/pediatrics/preventive medicine and familiarity with clinical trials. Vaccine trial experience highly desired. Additional experience in clinical medicine, pharmaceutical medicine and/or regulatory affairs supported by publications preferred. **Please send resume to [jobs@chiron.com](mailto:jobs@chiron.com), referencing job 44001905-KO.**

## PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, RESEARCH

Experienced scientist skilled in both protein chemistry and mass spec. Will purify proteins and carry out detailed characterization of them for small molecule and therapeutic protein drug development. Working on multiple projects simultaneously, the candidate will be a member of project teams, planning strategy, and serving as the protein expert. Requires PhD in biochemistry or related area plus minimum of 4 years of postdoctoral experience in a biotech or pharmaceutical setting. Experience managing clinical reports a plus. Must be expert at protein purification and mass spectrometry. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44001926-RK.**

## SPECIALIST, EH&S

Serve as the lead EH&S representative for Blood Testing and Corporate clients and support the implementation of various Chiron health and safety programs in client areas by conducting incident investigations, periodic safety inspections, and general and subject specific safety trainings. Also, offer and coordinate technical consultation and customer service to clients in all environment, health, and safety program areas such as biostatistics, ergonomics, and waste management. Requires BS degree in Health Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Chemical Engineering or related technical field, with 2-5 years experience preferably in a biotechnology based research and development environment. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44001988-DB.**

## DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SECURITY

In this challenging position, you'll provide functional and strategic security guidance for Chiron Corporation at all locations worldwide. Primary responsibilities include monitoring global developments for impacts to Chiron Corporation; conducting security adequacy analysis for Chiron locations globally; developing strategies for continuing threats and unwanted attention; establishing global network of security professionals; evaluating and recommending changes/improvements to executive policy; and providing security guidance on travel issues. Requires BS degree in Law Enforcement or related technical field plus 10-15 years experience as an FBI/CIA/US Marshall/ATF agent or officer of a municipal police agency. Member of ASIS or similar professional security society preferred. **Please send resume to [jobs@chiron.com](mailto:jobs@chiron.com), referencing job title in the subject box.**

## SUPPLIER MANAGER

Responsible for ensuring supplier conformance to Chiron Blood Testing requirements by managing the supplier relationship with Chiron, focusing on the development, review, and administration of contracts, analyzing supplier capabilities, and reporting supplier performance metrics. Also responsible for developing and managing a supplier certification program with the goal of eliminating incoming inspection; and leading and participating in cross-functional teams responsible for sourcing new suppliers where current ones are inadequate. Requires a BS in Business Administration or equivalent field. MBA preferred. 10-15 years of experience managing the Purchasing or Supply Chain functions in a biotechnology environment. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44001956-DB.**

## PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, DEVELOPMENT

In this challenging position, you'll participate in the development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operations, and other Chiron Divisions. You'll also be responsible for assay troubleshooting for QC Operations and QC Raw Materials, the scientific review of the stability program of commercial products, participation in the characterization of degradation products with the above mentioned Chiron divisions. Involvement in Chiron manufacturing activities through equipment cleaning validation and particulate analysis. Generating reports for in-house and external submissions to regulatory agencies as well as participation in multidisciplinary product development teams are two functions of this position. Position requires PhD in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, having 5+ years of relevant technical and supervisory experience. The ideal candidate must have strong technical proficiency with HPLC method development. Additional familiarity with a wide range of protein analytical techniques including spectroscopy, electrophoresis, and mass spectrometry is essential. **Please apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44001784-JS.**

## ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT

Lead a group of 10-15 Scientists and Associates to develop and manufacture small molecule oral formulations to support clinical development and commercialization. Provide technical leadership and project management strategy for small molecule drug product development and interface with cross-functional groups drawn from Research, Development, Operations and Marketing. Requires PhD in the Pharmaceutical Sciences or related discipline with 10+ years of experience in a pharmaceutical R&D environment. A solid understanding of physical chemistry, formulation and process development of oral solid dosage forms, biopharmaceuticals and technology transfer is desired. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002306-JS.**

## RESEARCH SCIENTIST

We seek a highly motivated, organized and detail-oriented scientist for a position in our Translational Medicine group. This individual would be involved in variety of efforts supportive of our goal to discover biomarkers and molecular signatures predictive of patient response to therapy. This person will manage a large Tissue Bank, help to develop a database to support the Tissue Bank, and assist in micro array, genotyping and proteomics-based efforts to identify biomarkers. The successful candidate will enjoy working with others, be forward-thinking and respond well to aggressive deadlines. Experience in cell culture, RNA/DNA/protein preparation, RT-PCR, DNA sequencing, ELISA, western blots, gel-shift assays and analysis of Affymetrix micro array-based mRNA expression data is required. Advanced skills in Microsoft Excel are required and experience with Microsoft Access and database design is a plus. A PhD and at least 2 years post doctoral experience required. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002477-RK.**

## SCIENTIST II, RESEARCH

Scientist I or II, commensurate with experience. Participate in and perform the design, development, execution and implementation of research projects pertaining to the bioassays department. Experience with enzyme assay development (esp. kinases), enzymology, and high-throughput screening formats is required. Requires PhD in a relevant scientific discipline or equivalent. Postdoctoral work and 1-5 years of related experience is desirable, along with experience with laboratory automation, data management, and a sound knowledge of the drug discovery process. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002451-RK.**

## SPECIALIST II, QA/QC

Coordinate activities associated with QA resolution: track status of outstanding DRs; distribute routine status reports to management; organize cross-functional meetings to facilitate investigations; publish notes and action items from meetings; and provide support to the investigation process and follow-up to assure timely DR closure. Provide support to other QA functions as needed. Requires BA/BS in the Biological Sciences. At least 4 years related technical experience with significant QA experience. Proven ability to maturely express views and opinions, listen well and accept conflicting points of view. Proven ability as a team player and team leader. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002141-JS.**

## MANAGER, QUALITY ASSURANCE

Manage the person-in-the-plant function to provide QA oversight to BioPharma manufacturing operations at Chiron, evaluating manufacturing operations and practices to ensure cGMP compliance. Responsibilities include on-site review of batch record documentation to ensure accurate and timely completion of these records, and providing input to discrepancy investigations to ensure that the investigations are adequate, complete, and properly documented. Requires BA/BS in the Biological Sciences and 5-8 years of relevant experience in biologics manufacturing quality assurance. Knowledge of quality systems which ensure control of drug and biologics manufacturing facilities and processes in accordance with cGMP. Knowledge of biologics and drug manufacturing processes. Thorough knowledge of cGMP for drugs and biologics manufacturing. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44000281-JS.**

## ANALYST II, LIMS

Create and maintain the Laboratory Information Management System for Environmental Monitoring and Microbiology in a GMP, Part 11 compliant environment. Construct and perform routine maintenance on LIMS templates using LIMS Basic, maintain change control records on all modifications to templates. Assist in resolution of LIMS questions and/or problems reported by end users. Work with Quality Assurance to ensure that all changes and validation activities are done accurately per established regulations and procedures. Requires BA/BS in a scientific discipline with 3 years work experience with LIMS and a firm understanding of a programming language. General knowledge of data trending, cGMP, software validation and laboratory experience in a QA/QC environment preferred. Experience in qualification and validation testing in a GMP or ISO environment. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002139-JS.**

## SPECIALIST I, DEVELOPMENT

Develop oral dosage prototype formulations for new chemical entities. Characterize active pharmaceutical ingredient and formulations, evaluate stability of formulation prototypes, prepare batch records, and manufacture clinical supplies under cGMP conditions. Also includes excipient compatibility studies, developing prototype formulations, characterizing batches, preparing batch record, ordering raw materials, and manufacturing clinical supplies. Requires BS/MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences or Industry pharmacy with 2-6 years of experience in pharmaceutical setting. Hands-on experiences with HPLC and dissolution testing are preferred. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002102-JS.**

## OCCUPATIONAL NURSE

Assist ill and injured workers to reach maximum health and productivity, coordinating, implementing and evaluating multidisciplinary services that meet the needs of the Chiron population to achieve desired outcomes within designated time frames and business constraints. Requires BA, or MS in Nursing, valid current license to practice as a registered nurse in California. Knowledge of case management, California workers compensation, and state and federal government regulations (OSHA, ADA, FMLA), and three or more years nursing experience in community health, ambulatory care, emergency care or occupational health. **Please send resume, referencing job 44001326-DB, to [jobs@chiron.com](mailto:jobs@chiron.com).**

## RESEARCH SPECIALIST

We are seeking a Research Specialist to join the Translational Medicine group. In this position you will be providing preclinical and clinical biomarker discovery and assay development expertise. Essential technical skills include cell based assays (cell culture of tumor cell lines and primary cells; transfections; isolation and assays using human blood cells), molecular biology (RT-PCR; primer design; DNA and RNA extraction; gel electrophoresis; DNA cloning and transformation) and protein biochemistry (western blot; Immunoprecipitation; production of fusion proteins; ELISA). You will support projects that span from research projects to clinical programs. Industry experience and previous work with clinical samples is desired. The candidate should also have a clear understanding of new research methodologies, as well as prior experience in identification and implementation of these technologies to support this research. This position involves extensive interaction with scientists from multiple disciplines, and requires exceptional teamwork skills and the ability to manage multiple projects at once. Computer expertise and excellent written and verbal skills are essential. A Bachelor or Master's degree in a scientific discipline, and 5-10 years of related experience are required. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002476-RK.**

## SPECIALIST I, DEVELOPMENT

Conduct the development and validation of analytical methods to support Chiron's biopharmaceutical products development, utilizing multiple HPLC techniques including RP-HPLC, IEX-HPLC, and SEC-HPLC to determine the duties include employing other analytical techniques including peptide map, CE, SDS-PAGE, and UV-Vis spectroscopy to evaluate physicochemical property of products, and fully supporting commercial product and clinical product release testing by providing high quality of analytical methods, assay transfer, and troubleshooting. Requires degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry with 5+ years of relevant experience, and a broad background in chromatography and technical proficiency with HPLC method. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002191-JS.**

## DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER II

Responsibilities designing, executing, analyzing, and problem solving using bench-scale experiment models; working with pilot plant and manufacturing staff to troubleshoot larger scale processes; and communicating results in reports or presentations. Also, contribute to the development of cell lines, fermentation processes, and/or recovery processes for microbial/animal cell proteins. Requires Bachelor's degree plus 1-4 years experience in Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, or Biochemical Engineering, or a Master's degree with 0-2 years experience. Candidates should have experience in microbial or animal cell culture processes to include cell line selection, media development, bioreactor operation and/or recovery development. Knowledge of basic laboratory procedures and equipment. **Apply at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job 44002195-JS.**

## ASSOCIATE II, RESEARCH

Currently seeking a BS or MS level synthetic organic chemist for the discovery and development of novel compounds for new therapeutic applications. Position involves synthesis of novel organic compounds and development of new synthetic methodologies. Drug discovery research applies traditional organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry and pre-developmental scale-up synthesis. Additionally, Research Associates organize experimental details, record and register results, and perform reactions under the technical supervision of a PhD scientist. Requires BS or MS in Organic Chemistry. Proficiency with operation of common laboratory and analytical equipment and ability to interpret NMR, IR, GC, HPLC and MS reports is also essential. Ability to use MS Office is preferred. **Apply online at [www.chiron.com](http://www.chiron.com), referencing job code 44002159-RK.**

## AREA BUSINESS MANAGER

Responsible for the management and performance of specific territories, ensuring the fulfillment of territory, region, and divisional objectives such as sales quota, product positioning, expanding the Chiron Vaccines customer base, corporate positioning, and managing operational expenses. Also responsible for developing a business plan that is aligned with divisional marketing and sales direction but individualized to their specific territory. Regional business plan should specify strategy, tactics, and resource allocations necessary to maximize the sales of Chiron Vaccines products within that territory. Requires BA or BS degree in a technical field or a business degree. Professional degrees such as RN or Med Tech are also acceptable, and a minimum of 5 years of successful pharmaceutical sales experience.

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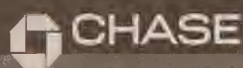
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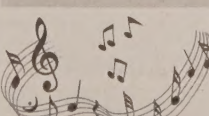
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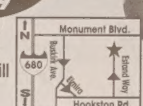
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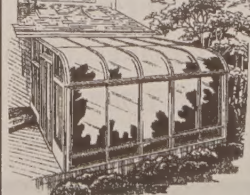
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# Take steps to scale down kitchen clutter

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The kitchen is one of the busiest spaces in a home. Cooking, eating, entertaining and socializing all happen in the kitchen — it's the main gathering place in the home. As a result, it is likely the most unorganized room in the house. If your kitchen cabinets and junk drawers are jammed and overflowing, you are running out of counter space, or you can never find what you need when you need it, it's time to take control of your kitchen clutter.

Here are some tips to organize your kitchen and keep it clutter-free, courtesy of organized-mom.com.

**1. Create an organizational plan.** Establish work stations like a restaurant does and keep related items at each station: prep area, cooking, baking and cleaning.

**2. Purchase storage solutions.** Plastic bins, baskets, containers, racks and freestanding units are inexpensive storage ideas. You can find deals at dollar stores, or check stores that carry overstocks, closeouts and slightly dented items. You

may even be able to re-use items you already own.

For instance, a shoebox covered with the same contact paper as your shelves can store spice bottles. If you are short on cabinet space but have plenty of wall space, try using an old bureau to store canned goods, towels, extra dishes or cookware. Don't forget to nest items inside one another to maximize space.

**3. Every item needs its own home.** When items have a designated place, they tend to get put away. If they don't, they tend to get lost. Utilize bins and baskets wherever possible to keep "like things" together and readily accessible.

Go vertical to free up horizontal space. Utilize the empty vertical wall space in a nearby closet by installing shelves that can be used to store canned goods. Install hanging broom and mop holders. Employ hooks, pegboards and Lazy Susans. If your counter space is at a premium, mount some of your small appli-

cances under the cabinets.

**4. Toss clutter.** Get rid of what is old and what you don't use. Check expiration dates of herbs, yeast, baking powder, etc. Throw out cooking gadgets that are gathering dust. Remove items on counters that don't belong in the kitchen.

**5. Organize for maximum efficiency.** Place items near each other if they will be used together. If your coffee maker sits on the counter, store the coffee cups, filters and sugar in the cabinet above it.

**6. Clean everything.** Tackle cabinets, drawers, shelves, countertops, refrigerator, oven, etc. Replace tattered dish towels and torn or worn shelf paper.

**7. Keep out clutter.** Since you've spent all that time organizing your kitchen, you'll want to make sure it remains clutter-free. Set aside some time once a month to check for clutter buildup, and spend a few minutes each night putting away anything that doesn't belong in the kitchen.



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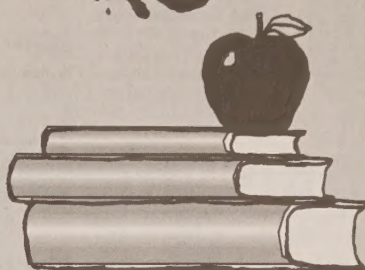
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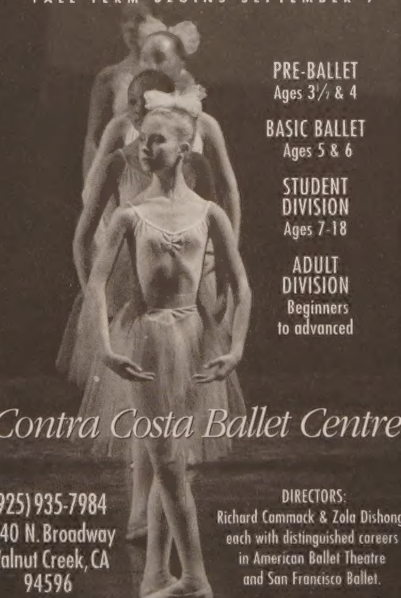
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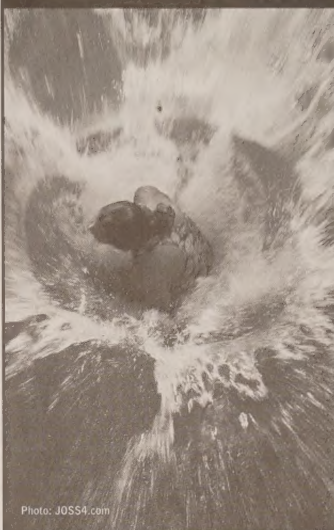


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